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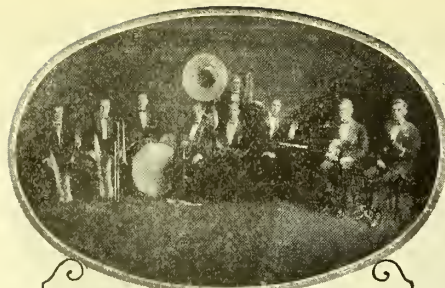
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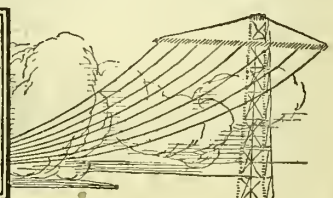
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## Soldiering for Spain

By Jack Hardy



**B** ROILING days when the red-hot sun raised blisters on the skin exposed by the holes in our uniforms; nights so cold our limbs trembled and teeth chattered; sniping at elusive Moors from behind rocks and trees; crawling forward on our bellies while the saliva boiled on the barrels of our Mausers; kicked and cursed by our officers—such is a summary of six months of campaigning with the Spanish Foreign Legion in Morocco.

We expected hard knocks and hardship, but also we expected discipline and treatment such as we received in the A. E. F. But this we did not receive. Some have said we were looking for an easy time fighting Moors eight hours a day and spending the rest of our time watching black-eyed Moorish dancing maidens imitate Cleopatra defying the serpent. They are wrong, and if this story puts the Spanish Army in a bad light it is only because its discipline differs extremely from that in the army that wore the O. D. in France.

Americans, Englishmen, Canadians, Greeks, Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese, Spaniards who had taken out their first papers in America, men of all creeds, colors and races were represented in the ranks of the Spanish Legion, mod-

elled after the famous French Foreign Legion which anyone of any nationality could join if tired of life. There were in all 9,000 men who enlisted in its ranks after recruiting was opened in this and other countries; we heard that 400 men were signed up in New York the first day, 250 of them Americans. Some joined for adventure, others because they needed a meal, others—and they were the majority of Americans—because the fever of restlessness was in their blood.

There were fifty of us—Englishmen, Canadians and Americans—who answered the call for recruits issued by the Spanish Consul at New Orleans. This suave person offered us everything



"Parade rest" means about the same whether you're in the Spanish Foreign Legion (at top) or the A. E. F. Long breeches, woolen sweaters and canvas shoes are Spanish issue the Yanks above found

The Moorish cavalry (left) may look like movie warriors but they are real fighters.



but commissions as generals if we would join. It was September 13, 1921; the bid was enticing. A bonus of 700 pesetas on enlistment, four and a half pesetas a day, was good bait, because a peseta was worth fourteen cents which would bring our pay up to about the same rate as that of a buck in the A. E. F. (after deductions). The only difference was that in the A. E. F. you got it at one time or another while ours never did catch up to us.

Clothes, food and medical attention would be furnished with English-speaking officers, English drill, our own cooks, foodstuffs, plenty of opportunities for advancement, beaucoup liberty—but why go on? That chap was a born salesman. And last but not least, no oath of allegiance to Spain was required.

On September 14th we went aboard the steamer *Cadiz* for Spain. The Consul gave us five dollars and his blessing; we needed both.

Canvas bunks in the hold were our portion, bunks fuller of cooties than I thought it possible for a bunk to be—which shows we all learn by experience. The contingent was divided into squads with one mess tin for each squad out of which it ate. For twenty days the food was the same. Talk about the beans at Romorantin! I actually longed for them.

Because of plenty of red ink and poor quarters the men became restive, so at the Canary Islands the captain of the ship brought aboard some Civil Guards, and from that time on "You can't go there, soldier," said in Spanish, was strictly enforced with bayonet and revolver.

Upon our arrival in Cadiz, the authorities herded us into an old fort and locked the door for the day. After being in this dismal place about fourteen hours, a guard unlocked the door and said we could eat. That is, those who had money could eat. We were to sleep on the floor, which was so filthy it looked as if it had not been cleaned since the Flood. We had no blankets and wrapped ourselves in newspapers.

A brass band met us on the pier at Ceuta, just across the straits from Gibraltar, and led us to the barracks. After a physical examination, which consisted of a casual inspection for hernia, we were informed we should receive only 350 pesetas bonus. Our pay instead of four and a half pesetas a day would be only one as the rest was to be deducted for clothing, food, medical attention and some incidentals which probably included ammunition.

Of course, we howled, kicked and refused to sign, but the Spanish officer replied that the best he could do if we didn't join the army would be to put us ashore in Spain. He could not send us back to the United States. We discussed the question and decided to stick it out and see what happened.

Our uniforms, issued the next day, consisted of one pair of cotton trousers which buttoned from the knee down, one woollen sweater, two pair of underbreeches of cotton, a pair of canvas, grass-soled shoes—that was all. No second change of socks, because none but officers had them. The overseas hat resembled a Belgian cap, but did not have so big a tassel.

The barracks were not bad, but the ticks, filled with swamp grass upon

which we slept, housed every known species of vermin. There were more cooties in mine than the entire A. E. F. left at Brest. Naturally we scratched and, as disinfectants were only for officers, we commenced to break out in sores.

## Five Dollar Prizes for Service Census Letters

Have you been assigned a district in the Legion's Service Campaign? Have you started to get your blank forms filled?

If so, perhaps you've met a buddy you hadn't seen since Armistice morning north of Verdun. Perhaps you've found a veteran going supperless who didn't know the Government owed him a discharge bonus. Perhaps you've only been thrown down stairs.

If any of these things have happened to you, if you have had any experiences that made good stories when you got back to your post headquarters, the editors of this magazine want to know about them.

*What is the most interesting experience, grave or gay, definitely helpful or merely amusing, that you have encountered in getting the census blanks filled?*

The editors of this magazine will pay five dollars for every answer to this question which merits (and gets) publication. To be eligible for publication every reply must fulfill the following qualifications:

1. It must be written by a Legion or Auxiliary member in good standing who is or has been actually engaged in the house-to-house task of taking the Service Census.
2. It must record one incident only, and an incident that actually occurred during the taking of the census.
3. It must be no more than three hundred words long—the shorter the better.
4. It must bear the attest of the writer's post commander or post adjutant.

Address Service Census Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

At Dar-Riffien, seven kilometers from Ceuta, we went into training. Here further disappointment awaited us. Shortly after daybreak, non-commissioned officers strode among us, flogging the men awake with whips and the butts

of their guns. For breakfast only coffee was served; and we hiked to the drill grounds where we found Spanish officers and Spanish drill instead of what we had expected.

A little book which we nicknamed "The Spig Bible" was given us, which contained the manual of the army. Some of the punishments provided by its pages, as nearly as I can remember, were:

- Desertion, death.
- To strike an officer, death.
- To speak ill of the King or Queen, death.
- To destroy or mutilate government property, death.
- To make an agitation or encourage disobedience, death.
- To argue with a corporal, imprisonment; to strike one, death.
- To attempt in any way to destroy morale of men, death.

Another rule was that when in action you are expected to kill all the enemy; and under no circumstances to take prisoners except females, with whom you can do as you see fit as they belong to you.

A corporal in the Spanish Army has more authority than a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and take it from one who knows—he uses it.

We drilled from seven to half past ten when recall sounded. The daily drill was the same while we were there—squads of eight with a form fours movement something like the English. A lecture lasted until noon and then we looked forward to a meal. We thrilled at the thought of food. We hadn't had much; we had worked hard and it was not out of place to expect nourishment. We got it, but oh—!

The kitchen was a little stone building adjoining the drill field and near it were parked three field kitchens upon which food was cooking in open pots. The thousands of flies dove in and remained. The cooks killed the meat in the little quadrangle and tossed it, stones and all, into the pot from which it was dished up three hours later. We received a stew of young sharks, Spanish peas and potatoes, Bertillon marked. We tossed it out after fishing for flies more than fifteen minutes. The next course was tomatoes, red peppers, garlic, olive oil and red ink wine. If I never see a garlic again as long as I live, it sure will be twice too soon for me!

Red ink wine was regularly issued as water was too precious. The wine was mule-hauled from a distance of two miles, was warm and liberally diluted with surface water which caused much disease. There were no latrines and no bathing facilities. At first we bathed in the sea, but when one man was seized by a squid, we gave it up.

Shortly after this, we marched to Ceuta and were issued old Spanish Mauser rifles, the kind used in the Spanish-American War, and the same ones if rust and dilapidation are any indications. Some others we got later were very accurate, better guns to handle than our Springfield, I should say. The hike cut our grass-soled shoes and feet to ribbons, and when I saw that rocky road, shimmering with heat waves, a feeling of hopeless depression came over me and I decided to ride back. The ticket cost me forty centimos and the officer gave me a peseta

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# Joffre

## The "Vieux Papa" of the Poilus Was Certainly No More Distant Relation Than Step-Father to the A. E. F.

By T. H. Thomas

**J**OFFRE is with us again; Joffre who last visited America not quite five years ago with a quietly-voiced message that said, almost in so many words, "Send us men or Germany will win." At this writing Marshal Joffre's itinerary in America is still somewhat undecided, but he has arrived on the Pacific Coast and will sail on the Atlantic—and a good share of these United States lies between. And wherever he goes the white-haired soldier of France will find the Legion out to do him honor.

**I**T was given to Foch, in the end, to win the war. It was thanks to Joffre that the Germans did not win it in the beginning. In between times, it was due to his steadiness and pluck, his solid, unyielding, unvarying, indomitable courage, his sense and cool head, and above all to his force of character and to the faith men had in him that the Allies held out and the Boche gradually lost heart and weakened.

When the war came, it was upon Joffre's shoulders that it fell, as far as France was concerned, and in August, 1914, France was the backbone of all the concern of the Allies. The British Army was an affair of half a dozen divisions. Russia's great strength was slow and clumsy and proved in the end a vast illusion. Italy was not in, and as for ourselves, the war aims of the United States were confined to salvaging summer tourists. All depended on how France would rise to the occasion—and in France everything hinged on Joffre.

Within the month of August Joffre had mobilized the French Army, concentrated it along the frontier and struck the first blows in offensive—according to plans previously prepared. The plans and offensives did not succeed; it has been popular in France to raise a hue and cry over the failure, but under all the circumstances we may doubt whether any other plan would have succeeded better. Before the end of August his front had broken in and was retreating back upon him, from Belgium, around Verdun and in Lorraine. All northern France, Paris, and the government was a refugee upon the roads but Joffre managed to keep the strings tight in his hands. A fortnight later he had the Kaiser's number. The advancing, victorious German Army was beaten; its battle strength exhausted; its general bloodied, and its whole war plan wrecked forever.

When the First Battle of the Marne was over, it is said, the French artillery had left exactly four rounds per gun, and with these stray shots the French

and British public planned to be in Berlin by Christmas. They didn't get very far, as the world knows, but with that slim basis to go on Joffre did manage to hold his flank in the north, reaching finally to the sea, to fight the first battles of the Somme and to stand by the English in the still greater battles at Ypres—that is to say, to break at every point the rushes by which the Germans hoped to win the war in the West.

Nineteen-fifteen brought the trenches, and the trenches after all were a sort of training camp along the front—the first rush having failed, both sides began to prepare on a greater scale, carrying on the fight in the meantime. While the British Army was preparing, Joffre tried out two great offensives—with Foch north of Arras, and with Castelnau in Champagne, to say nothing of hard punches along the front at places Americans learned of later on—in the Argonne, at Vauquois, at Les Eparges and other places around St. Mihiel; Apremont, the Bois de Mort Mare and the Bois le Prêtre. But in 1915 the trench was ahead of the guns; men could die faster than guns could be built, and with the artillery at hand Joffre could not deliver. Foch, French and Castelnau all tried heroically but in vain.

Nineteen-sixteen brought to both sides the new armies, the supply of new artillery that could flatten trenches, and pounding offensives were made possible. The British, however, could not be ready until July—whereas in February the Germans began at Verdun. At Verdun, therefore, Joffre stood the gaff alone for more than four months, and when the British were ready to begin the Somme a large part of the poilus who were to join in the offensive had won an honorable discharge in the shell craters reaching from Avocourt to Douaumont and Vaux. The Somme could not work out as planned, but even so it broke down the old German front in the West and forced the Boche back to the newly built Hindenburg



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Line. (This retreat, this added distance from Amiens and the coast, saved the day, it is well to remember, in March, 1918.)

At the end of the campaign Joffre and Haig agreed on a common effort for the spring of 1917; and by good management, by the prestige of his name, and by the confidence and respect the English had for him, Joffre had almost brought about the inter-allied command that was conferred on Foch the following year.

But Joffre had had to fight not only against the Boche; behind him at home there had grown up an entrenched front of political opposition. His staff, in order to get results, had had to take things into their own hands. Millerand, for a year, had stood between Joffre and his detractors in Parliament. Dispossessed politicians, however, proved to be unrelenting enemies; they could pardon Joffre's popularity and prestige least of all things and

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# Putting the Post in the Newspapers

By Robert J. Casey

**"T**HE boy stood on the burning deck whence all but him had fled." And how did the disinterested public of 1922 find out about it? Advertising, dear folks, advertising.

When you figure it all out, whether Casabianca stood on a burning deck or merely upon four fire-proof aces is a matter of no great moment to this generation. Even in our innocent childhood when we found our fourth reader cluttered up with the exploits of the boy and his deck we were a bit undecided as to whether he was a hero or a nut. The ayes seem to have it in favor of the noisette theory. But Casabianca has perpetuated his name indefinitely. He will be known when Foch and Pershing are forgotten—because he had a good press agent.

There was the case of this gent Horatius. He once held a two-by-four bridge across the Tiber. And there are a whole lot of kids who know all about Horatius who think Cæsar is the junior member of the firm Search and Seizure.

The generals in the war that centered around Horatius's bridge are forgotten. Vaguely we know that one set of combatants were the Romans, but who they were fighting and what about are facts that elude the memory. Men held bridges before Horatius crashed into history via poetry, and a whole lot of them have turned the same trick since. But once more the press agent! Horatius gets credit for all the bridge-holding since first there were any bridges.

We get all excited over Paul Revere, who probably was no better horseman than any of the other messengers who rode out to tell every village and hamlet and farm that the British were coming. It is also quite likely that Paul didn't raise half so much fuss over his trip as Longfellow did over Paul.

Bringing the figure a little closer to our own times we might consider the dark day when the world was saved with the help of God, a few Marines—and a press agent.

Admitting the truth of the adage that people shouldn't believe anything they hear and only half what they see, one must observe that they cannot pass upon the truth of what they don't know. For all that the press agent has given us the boy on the burning deck and the

brave Horatius as principal factors in the making of history to the exclusion of countless other medal winners, he has served a purpose and is still serving it. He is telling the world.

Was it Emerson who said that if a man preach a better sermon or built a better mousetrap than other men, the world would carve a path to his door though he be hidden in the depths of a wood? But it is likewise a truism that if no one listened to his sermon or tested his trap, no one would have any incentive for seeking him out. Success

and the ballyhoo are inseparable—Siamese twins.

In a more specialized branch press agency is known as "the selling talk," but the essence is the same. It may be gospel or it may be bunk—but it is laid, loaded and fired in precisely the same manner.

Which brings us around to the fact that some Legion posts get on and some don't. The small town organiza-

tion, according to the best available information, is livelier than its city brother. There are various causes for this. In the small town men live side by side who were brought up together, went to school together and served together. They are bound by ties of long-standing friendship. The big town is for the most part a wilderness of strangers. The membership of its organizations is confined to no particular unit of service and certainly to no particular community. Its Legion posts quite often have no common interest save the fellowship of the uniform,



Casabianca has perpetuated his name

and the red chevron. And it operates against the strong competition of numerous counter attractions. A city post, or club, or lodge that remains alive has reasons for its vitality.

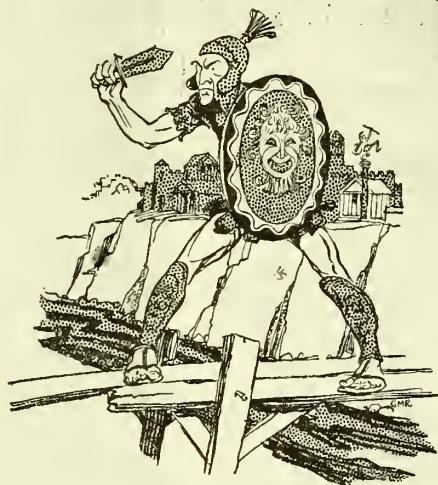
The small town post may need no press agent because every individual member is his own press agent. But the big town post that does not know the uses of publicity speedily finds that it consists of a commander, an adjutant, and a number of vacant chairs. The movies are too close at hand and the cabaret around the corner promises better than the report of the committee on finance.

In almost every city there is at least one newspaper which provides a column at stated intervals for the publication of American Legion news. Take it from the editors of these departments, despite large numbers of posts and extensive memberships, it is usually a large task to get enough news to fill the column.

Plenty of mail comes to the editor. Most of it finds its way into the waste basket. He carefully culls the four or five items that may have the essentials of news in them, dresses them up into readable shape, and prints them under a general lead, written not so much to convey information as to fill space. And there's a reason.

Every man thinks that he has tucked away in his cranium all the elements of advertising genius. But when he sits down to let the newspapers in on the secret he evolves a pronouncement something like this:

Hoosier Post No. 176, American Legion is a live post. It does things. Boasting a membership of 341, it stands four-square  
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Horatius gets credit for all the bridge-holding



One-legged waiters—man, that is NEWS!



# Your Post and Your Town

## More Legion Outfits That Are Consolidating Their Home Sectors With Barrages of Practical Co-operation

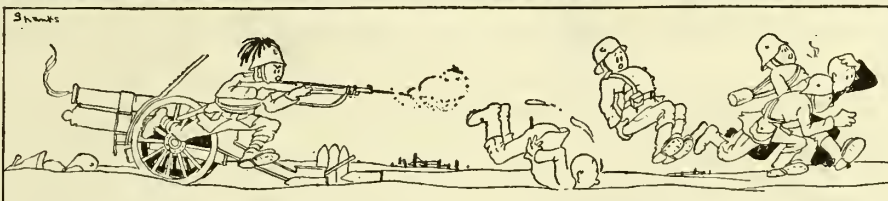
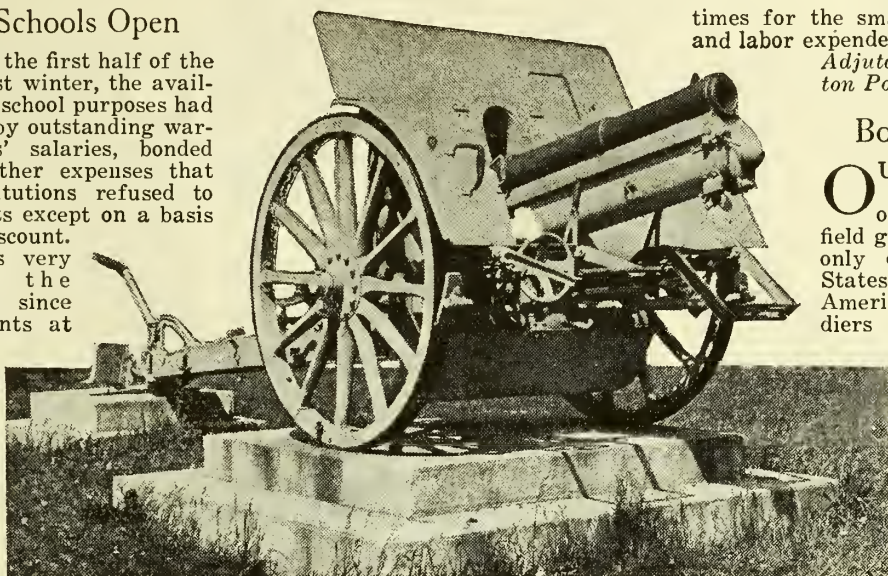
### Keeping the Schools Open

**A**T THE close of the first half of the school year last winter, the available funds for school purposes had been so overdrawn by outstanding warrants for teachers' salaries, bonded indebtedness and other expenses that local banking institutions refused to cash school warrants except on a basis of ten percent discount. This condition was very unsatisfactory to the teachers, especially since their salary warrants at par were below the average for the State.

The matter was taken up with the school board and they decided that rather than decrease salaries in order to overcome this discount, the term of school should be shortened a half month, with teachers receiving pay for the full term in discounted warrants. Further, in order that strictly text-book work might be completed in this shortened term, the board prohibited all high school athletics and literary and dramatic activities. This decision was not only unsatisfactory to the teachers and a majority of the pupils' parents, but very detrimental to the morale of the student body.

The Legion took the stand that the discounting of teachers' warrants was unfair and set a bad precedent, and that the shortening of the term to the detriment of the school youth was a step backward and un-American. A special meeting of the post was called and by unanimous consent it was decided to raise the amount needed for the schools by popular subscription and entertainments conducted by the post. Committees were appointed to meet with the teachers, the school board and local clubs and societies, giving them our plans and an opportunity to aid us if they desired. Outside of the teachers, students, and two principal women's organizations we got little encouragement. But we knew we were right, so we got busy and within thirty days we had our work accomplished.

The Legion men did practically all of the solicitation and all contributed. Our contributions by post members and post entertainments amounted to one-fourth of the \$916 raised. We are away out here among the purple sage and the chico but we still carry on.—**IRVING P. BECKETT**, *Past Commander, Moffat County Post, Craig, Colo.*



This Austrian field gun, captured by the Italians and presented to the citizens of Monmouth, Illinois, by the local Legion post, is declared by the donors to be one of the only two enemy field pieces that did not come home "through channels"

### Seed Time in Mississippi

**W**E WROTE our Congressman and obtained a quantity of free garden seed for distribution to the citizens of our town. This was made the subject of an announcement in the daily newspaper, and in addition a six-by-six foot poster was erected in front of the city hall reading as follows:

Where Your Weed Patch Was  
Last Year Plant a Garden

Help to make Laurel the cleanest,  
prettiest and healthiest city in the  
South.

Get free seed at the city hall between  
12 and 1 p. m.

Distributed by courtesy of  
The American Legion

A man was placed on duty at the hour specified and in three days the supply of seed was taken. We feel that the good accomplished repaid us many

times for the small amount of money and labor expended.—**C. D. CHRISTMAN**, *Adjutant, Marvin E. Stain-ton Post, Laurel, Miss.*

### Bootleg Artillery

**O**UR post has presented to the city and county one of two Austrian field guns believed to be the only ones in the United States actually brought to America by returning soldiers and not obtained through Congress and the War Department.

The gun pictured herewith was captured by the Italian Army from the Austrians along the Piave River and stored with a huge quantity of other war material at Trieste. After the war a Monmouth officer, Lieutenant Ralph A. Drain, assigned to American relief work in Trieste, was given the gun by an Italian general. Another gun was presented to Major Paxton Gallagher of Omaha, Nebraska.

Their next problem was to bring the two artillery pieces to America. They obtained consent from the captain of a returning food ship to load the guns on his vessel, which was coming to New York. One gun, on arrival, was shipped to a Monmouth banker and the other to Omaha. Our post was given the gun and in turn presented it to the city and the county. It is now mounted in the courthouse yard.—**E. K. HARTZELL**, *Historian, Marion B. Fletcher Post, Monmouth, Ill.*

### The Spice of Adventure

**A**T THE first meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Legion members attended in a body. Support was pledged the new officers, who claimed they would put down the illicit manufacture of liquor if the voters of Rockcastle County would stand back of them in their work. The pledge of the post was accepted with thanks, the officers saying they would call on the Legion men whenever they were needed.

The first instance in which the post was called upon to do its duty was on an occasion when the officials asked several of the town's citizens to go with them on a raid to get some information on the location of stills. The men refused to go, claiming they were too busy to help out. It was then up to

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## Who Is Benefitting Whom?

THE Veterans Bureau last month mailed to each of the 600,000 ex-service men who hold government insurance policies a propaganda statement which has aroused resentment in every part of the country. Published in the Government Printing Office, sent out under government frank at a time when the Adjusted Compensation Bill was foremost in the interest of Congress and the public, the calculated effect of the propaganda statement could hardly be mistaken. But Director Forbes of the Veterans Bureau denies the statement was intended as anti-compensation propaganda.

Even ignoring the intent, the unfairness of the propaganda statement is obvious. It is misleading and would give those unacquainted with the real facts an entirely erroneous impression of the manner in which the nation has attempted to fulfill its obligations to its ex-service men. The following article by A. A. Sprague, Chairman of the National Rehabilitation Committee of The American Legion, tells why it is misleading:

ON February 6, 1922, the United States Veterans Bureau, Col. C. R. Forbes, Director, distributed a circular letter setting forth the achievements of the Veterans Bureau. The final statement was in the form of the question, "Do these facts indicate that the disabled ex-service man is being neglected?"

It always has been and will continue to be the policy of the National Rehabilitation Committee of The American Legion to co-operate closely with the Veterans Bureau, to submit all criticisms and suggestions to them in advance for action and to refrain from criticisms and personal attacks when they will accomplish no good.

We fear, however, that these statements which were printed at the Government Printing Office for distribution may get into the hands of people who may misinterpret and misuse them or who may be so impressed by the big figures and mass statements that they will forget that we ought not to be satisfied until every American soldier and sailor who was handicapped receives fair and adequate treatment.

In view of this statement, the National Rehabilitation Committee of The American Legion desires to say that no statement should be given out by the Veterans Bureau to the general public which would give the impression that the Veterans Bureau or the Government is a benefactor to the sick and disabled ex-service men.

While a large amount of money is paid in cash to these men, the general public must realize that the enlisted personnel of both Army and Navy, for the first time in the history of wars, insured themselves against death and accident. In many cases men subtracted one-fourth of their meagre salaries for this purpose. Men who were not killed or injured bore the heaviest share of this financial burden at a time when others were coining money. They don't want any credit for having paid one-fourth of their salaries into the fund out of which many of these payments are made, but they do object to anyone else posing as a benefactor.

Whatever money the Government may

spend over that which came from the pockets of the men who wore the khaki and blue, is a clear debt on the part of the Government and any attempt on the part of political party, bureau or individual, to take credit for paying it, will be resented by all fair-minded citizens.

The statement with reference to hospitalization is restricted to number of patients and costs. It is fair to tell the public that neither the Veterans Bureau nor The American Legion have been satisfied with the facilities for hospitalizing these men.

Of the 30,000 ex-service men now in hospitals, practically one-third are still in contract hospitals. Thousands of mentally disabled men who would have been cured or partially so, with proper care, are still kept in state institutions under conditions which are distressing to all those who believe that they can be cured. Thousands of tubercular men have been held back by unsatisfactory treatment.

*In addition, the success of the whole system of vocational training is still in the balance, in spite of immense sums paid out, because of lack of proper supervision and co-ordination.*

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Remember that every post is expected to contribute five cents per member (or a minimum of five dollars per post) to the fund for the decoration of graves overseas on Memorial Day.

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*In short, the fact that a great deal of money is being spent is not a guarantee that the ex-service men are not being neglected.*

Congress voted \$3,000,000,000 to liquidate its debts to industry for unfinished contracts and other debts. Ex-service men did not raise any objections. No one either glorified the Treasury Department for that, nor blamed it.

The statement that the United States is already doing more for its disabled veterans than any country in the world is not borne out by our treatment of our insane ex-service men. The majority of our ex-service mental cases are sent to or farmed out to contract hospitals, these being chiefly state insane asylums.

No other country has done anything like this. In England you cannot send an ex-service man to a hospital of that kind. If an ex-service man is sent to a hospital, it is not for charity, and you cannot use the same sort of commitment in getting him to a hospital. Instead, a special military order is used in order to save him even that little injury to his pride.

In France, which has suffered immeasurably more from the war than we have here, mental reconstruction is being carried on in special hospitals located in different parts of the country near the man's home, so that the veteran will be enticed to enter the hospital rather than deterred from entrance. But in this country, with our enormous wealth, we are the ones among the civilized nations of the world who have seen fit to farm out the care of the insane ex-service men.

If we can prevent it, no one is going to put the complete payment of the debt which this country owes its sick in any other light than that of an honest debt on the part of the Government, a debt which this country will never be able to pay with real money and which can only be paid by honest appreciation, fair opportunity and real gratitude.

## Mr. Forbes on Policies of His Bureau

DIRECTOR Charles R. Forbes of the Veterans Bureau has declared to The American Legion that he does not consider necessary an investigation of alleged inefficiency in the Bureau and political domination in the matter of appointments and removals.

Mr. Forbes made this declaration in replying to one of the series of twenty-five recommendations for the improvement of the governmental care of the disabled drawn up at Indianapolis in January by the conference of the department commanders and adjutants of The American Legion. The recommendation which Mr. Forbes rejects called for the appointment of an investigating committee by Congress to report on conditions within the Bureau. It was suggested also that the chairman of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee be a member of the investigating committee.

In transmitting to Director Forbes this recommendation, along with the twenty-four others, A. A. Sprague, chairman of the Legion's Rehabilitation Committee, made this comment:

"It might be of real advantage both to the director of the Veteran's Bureau and to the service as a whole if an opportunity could be given for checking up all charges. Many indiscriminate charges without foundation are made, and undoubtedly there will creep into the Bureau certain political features that may be objectionable. It would be to the advantage of the Bureau itself to have these matters gone over, in order that perfect confidence might be insured between the Bureau and those who are interested. In this connection it is important that the members of the Legion itself should be careful not to commit the same offense—the use of personal friendships—which they complain of in others."

Director Forbes, replying, said the Veterans Bureau, while considering such an investigation unnecessary, does not fear it.

"The Bureau challenges any statement that it is governed by politics," declared Mr. Forbes. "It challenges any insinuation that compensation is granted or disallowed because of a man's political faith, and it denies that any officials have been removed for political reasons. The only two assistant directors discharged were Republicans, and they were discharged for administrative inefficiency."

Director Forbes' reply to the recommendation concerning an investigation was accompanied by his reply to the other twenty-four recommendations submitted to the Legion conference. Chairman Sprague has made public his own comment on each of the twenty-five recommendations as well as those of Director Forbes. For the most part, the director agreed in principle with the

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# The Light That Failed {Movie of a man with a box of war} quality matches trying to get a light.} By Wallgren

LOOKS TO SEE IF CAR IS  
COMING - PLENTY OF  
TIME FOR A NICE SMOKE



FOR A WONDER HE'S GOT  
PLENTY OF MATCHES - JUST  
GOT A BOX TODAY



STRIKES MATCH BUT IT  
FLARES OUT - FUT - FUT -  
YOU KNOW THE KIND



NEXT FEW MATCHES WON'T 'FUT'  
AT ALL - THEY'RE SAFETY MATCHES  
ALL RIGHT - SAFE AGAINST FIRE -  
MOST OF THEM HAVE NO HEADS



FINALLY STRIKES A GOOD  
ONE BUT IT BREAKS JUST  
AS IT FLARES UP -



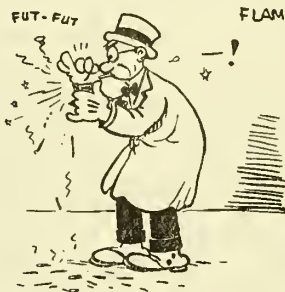
BROKEN BUT STILL BURNING -  
HE DECIDES HE'D BETTER TRY  
TO UTILIZE IT



TOO LATE - IT WAS TOO  
SHORT AND BURNT HIS FINGERS -  
NOW HE'S INDIGNANT



TRIES CLOSE-UP METHOD OF  
GETTING LIGHT AS MATCH  
STRIKES ON BOX - PLENTY OF  
'FUTS' BUT NO  
FLAME



TERRIBLY INDIGNANT, BUT NO CAR  
IN SIGHT YET SO HE DECIDES TO  
CONTROL HIMSELF AND NOT GET  
EXCITED -



-WILL TAKE HIS TIME AND START  
ALL OVER - STRIKES MATCH ON  
BOX WITH AFFECTED CONFIDENCE -  
- VERY NONCHALANTLY -



TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE - WILL  
HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL -  
FINALLY LIGHTS ONE BUT BREEZE  
BLOWS IT OUT BEFORE HE GETS  
LIGHT



THINKS HE'LL HAVE MORE SUCCESS  
BY USING OVERCOAT AS WINDSHIELD  
- BUT DISCOVERS HE'S NOT IRISH ENOUGH



REMEMBERS OLD TRICK OF SHIELD-  
ING LIGHTED MATCH INSIDE HALF OPEN  
MATCH BOX - DECIDES TO TRY IT -  
IF HE CAN ONLY GET ONE LIT



BUT THE BOX - BEING ONE OF  
THOSE KIND THAT ARE ONLY TIGHT  
CLOSED WHEN CHOCK-FULL - SPILLS  
THE MATCHES ALL OUT - AS USUAL



BY THIS TIME HIS INDIGNATION IS  
MATCHLESS AND HE TRIES DESPER-  
ATELY TO RETRIEVE AT LEAST ONE  
GOOD MATCH FROM THE WRECK -  
BUT, ALAS - TOO LATE -



THE BURNT ONES AND GOOD ONES  
ARE ALL HOPELESSLY MINGLED

YES, THIS IS THE SAME BIRD  
WHO USED TO SWEAR AT THE  
FRENCH BRIQUETTES IN THE A.E.F.  
-REMEMBER?





# EDITORIAL



## Too Early to Boast

LAST month the Veterans Bureau mailed to the 600,000 ex-service men who hold government insurance policies a circular signed by Director C. R. Forbes. The leaflet implied that the Government had been not only generous but magnanimous in its treatment of its World War veterans—that the insurance system, the vocational training system and the hospitalization system left little to be desired.

In a statement on another page of this issue, A. A. Sprague, chairman of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee, challenges Director Forbes's statements, declaring that much harm will be done if the public accepts the arguments at face value.

The statement will not mislead those who know not only how much the Government has done for the disabled, but also how far short it has fallen of the full performance of its duty. It is easy to talk glibly of millions spent while glossing over the deplorable results of inefficiency.

Director Forbes in his leaflet sets forth the fact that the Government is providing hospital care and treatment to 30,000 veterans. He neglects to touch upon the *kind* of hospital care and treatment being given a good proportion of those 30,000 veterans. He neglects to say that 10,000 of them are still being farmed out to state insane asylums and private contract hospitals because of lack of governmental foresight.

Director Forbes's statistics might convince many, but they will not mislead the mother of a certain Nebraska boy who is unfortunate enough to be one of the 10,000 farmed out patients.

Her son, wrote this mother, had been sent to a government institution in Tennessee. He had written several times and then had permitted her letters to remain unanswered. Queries to the doctors at the hospital brought no definite statement of his condition. Mother's instinct prevailed, and the Legion and the Red Cross providing her with railroad fare, she had traveled to Knoxville to find her son.

"I went and found 150 of our dear soldier boys in an old insane asylum," she said in her letter. "I tell you it made my blood boil to see them locked up in such a hole. How awful when our boys gave their best for us! For God's sake, everybody get busy and investigate these hospitals."

Remember, there are still 10,000 disabled men in state insane asylums and private contract hospitals. And while Director Forbes promises to place these men in government institutions as soon as possible and while there has been a gradual improvement in the care of men in hospitals since a year ago when the Legion aroused the country by its recital of official neglect, perfection has not been attained. The time has not yet come for the Government to boast.

## The Protection of Insurance

IN Washington recently after a theater roof had crashed down upon an audience, killing more than a hundred persons, twelve World War veterans were counted among the dead. Of these—

Eight were holders of government insurance policies.

Four were not insured with Uncle Sam.

Of the eight, two had reinstated their War Risk Insurance and converted it to peacetime policies only a short time before the fatal accident.

Of the four, one had held government insurance but had permitted it to lapse a few weeks before he was killed.

These facts are interesting in their relation to the general after-the-war government insurance situation. The outstand-

ing factor in that situation is that at this moment only 600,000 World War veterans are still carrying Uncle Sam's insurance, although during the war almost 4,600,000 War Risk Insurance policies were held. Seven men have discontinued their government insurance for every ex-service man who has retained it.

Strong faith is justified in government insurance and these facts are worth consideration by the several million men who have dropped their policies:

Government (converted) insurance may be had in any one of six standard forms of life insurance at rates appreciably lower than those charged by private companies.

The Government is exceedingly liberal in permitting men whose policies have lapsed to renew them even though their general health is such that they would be considered doubtful risks by a private company.

Government insurance policies provide that if a policy-holder becomes wholly disabled, his payment of premiums stops and his insurance is paid to him in monthly installments, \$5.70 for each \$1,000 carried. This is a feature no private company offers without charging an extra premium.

Money paid as premiums for converted government insurance is like money placed in the savings bank. Even though the holder of a policy be forced to give it up eventually, he can collect from the Government a substantial percentage of the amount he has paid in or he can have his insurance extended over an additional period in which he will not have to pay premiums. Each converted policy, after it has been in effect one year, has a "cash surrender value," a sum which the holder could obtain in cash from the Government by surrendering his policy.

Any holder of government insurance in temporary need of cash may obtain as a loan from the Government a substantial percentage of the amount he has paid in as premiums, and at the same time continue his policy.

Recognizing that a large percentage of the ex-service men who no longer carry government insurance are precluded from reinstatement by unemployment or other temporary circumstances, the fact remains that a great many men—possibly several million—in justice to themselves and to their families, ought to seek Uncle Sam's protection once more. The dotted line is a good precaution against the bread line for those who can now afford insurance.

## The Second Generation

MUCH has been said about the reciprocal value of co-operation between the Legion and the G. A. R. Less has been said about the equally great possibilities of co-operation between the Legion and the Sons of Veterans. Yet the touch between the two latter is even closer than it is between the Legion and the organized Civil War veteran. Many sons of Civil War veterans served in 1918, but the accident of time found most of them far beyond military age. But, merely guessing at a ratio which it is impossible to determine accurately, one can safely say that for every son of a Civil War veteran who served in the World War, ten sons of Sons of Veterans served.

With this fact in mind, the youngest generation of American veterans will applaud the sympathetic utterance of the retiring Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Lieutenant-Governor Pelham A. Barrows of Nebraska, who said at the fortieth annual encampment of the organization:

If any son of a veteran has any idea that the coming upon the scene of these younger veterans relieves him of the responsibility which is his by heritage . . . he should stop right now and ponder over the situation. At no time in our history have our responsibilities as Sons of Veterans faced us with greater weight; at no time in our whole existence has the call to duty been more urgent, for not only must we bear the responsibilities which come to us naturally by reason of birth, as the sons of our fathers, but we must in addition take on the added responsibilities which come to us because of the coming of these new veterans, many of whom are our own sons. Never since the Grand Army of the Republic came marching home after four years of terrible conflict for the preservation of the Union has any army faced such problems as these younger veterans are facing today and must face in the future. . . . As sons of the men who wore the uniform of Uncle Sam and followed Old Glory through many a battle, we must see that every man who has ever worn that uniform in defense of the Star Spangled Banner is treated with the consideration which should be given every defender of the principles of our government.



# The Discount on Secretary Mellon

**I**T IS an ironical paradox that the principal enemy of the Adjusted Compensation Bill is Andrew Mellon of Pittsburgh, one of the mightiest industrial monarchs of America.

It is another ironical paradox that Mr. Mellon, sitting in the chair of the Secretary of the Treasury, should be giving expert testimony to Congress on a question in which he has an overwhelming personal and private interest.

Mr. Mellon's fortune is estimated at from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000. He has been repeatedly referred to as the second wealthiest man in America—the runner-up for Rockefeller—or as the third wealthiest. He may not rightfully hold either title, but beyond doubt he possesses an immense fortune. And it is true that this fortune was greatly increased during the war.

Mr. Mellon's industrial interests are so vast that it is difficult even to approximate them. At the time he became Secretary of the Treasury he was listed as an officer or director of seventy banks, insurance companies and industrial corporations having aggregate resources of \$1,613,674,464. The banks and insurance companies alone in which he was interested had resources of \$860,193,541, and the combined assets of his other corporations reached the total of \$753,480,923. His connections with these seventy institutions and corporations were matters of record. They may be found in the Directory of Directors of the Pittsburgh district for the year 1921; they may be checked up in standard corporation annuals.

But Mr. Mellon's holdings in seventy organizations are not the full measure of his financial interests. Those who have studied his successful, wide-ranging career declare that he is directly interested in corporations having combined resources of more than two billion dollars.

The complete record of Mr. Mellon's financial activities, however, must be hidden in the labyrinth of corporation bookkeeping and accounting. It is doubtful if Mr. Mellon himself could reckon the true value of all his corporation holdings and the extent of his wealth. Certainly, records fall short in revelation when an enormously wealthy man may be listed directly as a controlling factor in one huge corporation and yet be a still greater power in a whole group of subsidiary concerns with which his name is not associated.

The 1921 records show—and these are amplified by

## How much shall the nation—and Congress—write off on the face value of Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon's expert opinion of the Adjusted Compensation Bill?

common knowledge among financial experts—that Mr. Mellon is the dominant personality of the American aluminum industry—an industry that has made profits in recent years which may, without exaggeration, be termed fabulous. They show that he is a leader in the oil business and a dictator in steel, glass and coal. The following list of a few of his seventy corporations indicates the magnitude of his interests:

Aluminum Company of America, Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co., Aluminum Ore Co., director; capital \$20,000,000; notes \$12,000,000; controlling, by stock ownership, St. Lawrence River Power Co., Hannawa Power Falls Water Power Co., St. Lawrence Transmission Co., Tallahassee Power Co.; capital, \$38,112,000. United States Aluminum Co., director.

Gulf Oil Corporation, vice-president and director; capital \$60,000,000; assets \$218,476,442.

Standard Steel Car Co., director; capital \$5,000,000. Crucible Steel Co. of America, director; capital \$100,000,000; assets \$130,046,021.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., director; capital \$24,900,000; assets, \$46,503,987.

Pittsburgh Coal Co., director; capital \$40,000,000; assets \$46,503,987.

The true significance of the above associations can not be conveyed in the figures of capitalization and assets. It lies in the extent of the holdings of Mr. Mellon. The Aluminum Company of America, for instance, is owned almost

entirely by the Mellon brothers, two brothers of the Secretary of the Treasury having interests insignificant as compared with his own. With the Gulf Oil Co., likewise, it was Mr. Mellon who exercised most powerful control. In steel Mr. Mellon was mainly responsible for the founding and upbuilding of the town of Donora as the location of great steel mills he established. He was head of, or a director in, four Pittsburgh banks.

A mere reading of the names of the corporations in which he is interested, the enumeration of the war materials which these concerns made for the Government, is conclusive evidence that Mr. Mellon profited heavily during the war. Inevitably aluminum and steel and coal companies paid enormous dividends during the war.

The wartime profits of Mr. Mellon's aluminum corporations give the index to the increase of his wealth. These companies control practically the entire aluminum industry of America. And here is what the war did for aluminum.

In 1914 aluminum was selling at 18 cents a pound. The price went to 37 cents in 1917 and was 33 cents in 1918. The production, which in 1910 had been only twelve million pounds, jumped to ninety million pounds in 1914. In 1913 the aluminum producers received \$13,000,000 for their product, in 1918 \$74,000,000.

As the foremost industrial leader of Pittsburgh, Mr. Mellon was one of the principal beneficiaries of the prosperity war contracts brought to the Allegheny valley. The Standard Steel Car Co., a Mellon enterprise, alone was awarded contracts totalling more than \$109,000,000.

These instances are cited only because they are typical. As with aluminum and steel, so also with oil and glass and coal. Every industrial corporation in which Mr. Mellon exercised control participated in the golden prosperity which the war brought to Pittsburgh.

The official government records show that the wartime activities of the Standard Steel Car Co. brought that concern directly under

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from Paul Thompson

**A**NDREW MELLON was born to fortune. His inherited wealth he has tremendously increased. At sixty-five, a silent man who shrinks from public attention, he is one of the most notable business successes of the generation. He is one of the men who has profited most through the opportunities and bounty of this country. His holdings are valued at from three hundred millions to half a billion. He is an able, a great, financial genius.

Admitting this, admitting, too, that it is such ability and such genius that has made this country commercially great, these facts protrude: Andrew Mellon is a banker; the predominating concern of his life has been money.

Can a man who has dealt always in dollars, be his intentions ever so good, suddenly discard the habits of a lifetime and look beyond the financial aspect of a problem?

Is he competent to be the star witness in a matter which is largely a moral question?



# Keeping Step with the Legion

## and The American Legion Auxiliary

### Those Blanks

SINCE we took over this department we have been prepared for anything the postman happened to drop on our desk, and he certainly has been dropping it—everything from laurel wreaths to knockout drops. Still it gave us something of a shock the other day when a carefully filled-in Legion Service Census blank fell out of an envelope postmarked—well, no matter where it was postmarked, because the next day we received two more, and the next day half a dozen, all from as many parts of the country.

Putting all of our detective ability to work on this problem, we have come to the following conclusions:

1. Some posts, or at least the census-takers appointed by certain posts, are not filling out the blanks themselves, but are distributing them like so many handbills and letting the veteran fill out his for himself.

2. This is not the fault of the departments concerned, as the blanks that have come in are so widely scattered that it is certain they represent isolated exceptions in a countrywide plan of campaign that is functioning satisfactorily and systematically.

3. The blanks we have received without exception have been thoughtfully and intelligently filled in, proving that the Legion census-taker should have no difficulty in doing his part of the job well if the average veteran, without any special preparation for the task, can care for his own blank so satisfactorily.

Naturally we regard the data on the blanks that have reached us as strictly confidential, and have in all cases forwarded the blanks direct to the department adjutants concerned. But the data in every case proves so clearly the Legion's immense possibilities for service growing out of this campaign that we want to summarize one of the blanks without, of course, betraying who the man is.

Here is A. B. C. (which aren't his initials) who is married and has one child, or at least one other dependent in addition to Mrs. C., and who was gassed in France and is still suffering from the effects. He applied for vocational training and his claim was granted, but it is not satisfactory. What helps make it unsatisfactory is the fact that he draws only about \$13 a month. C. still retains his War Risk insurance and wants to convert it. Being in training, he is not now following his pre-war occupation, but wants to. If the Adjusted Compensation Bill passes he will choose the paid-up insurance option. Answering the question "Are you willing that your share be used as a rotating fund for loans to disabled comrades that need help?" he says justly, "Up against it myself." He is a Legion member and receives the Weekly regularly. He believes that the Legion should not mix in politics "nor align ourselves with any special group." His wife, his mother and his

sister are eligible to the Auxiliary and he wants them to join. The Legion can be of service to him "by improving the administration of the Veterans Bureau." He is not employed, needs a job, "hope to land something soon—have good prospects."

Just see what the Legion can do for this buddy solely on the strength of the information secured in the census:

1. Secure a satisfactory adjustment of the veteran's claim.
2. Attend to the details of converting

### Legion Calendar

#### Service Census

Every post a first-aid station in the effort to see that every veteran gets what is due him.

#### Unemployment

Spring means new hope—see that the jobless buddy isn't disappointed.

#### Anniversaries

Grant's centennial April 27th, Mother's Day May 14th, Memorial Day May 30th—all red letter days in the Legion's calendar.

#### Community Co-operation

Make your home town glad to own you.

#### Auxiliary

In the spring a young post's fancy seriously turns to thoughts of organizing a unit.

his War Risk policy into Government Insurance.

3. Insist, through the national organization, on more effective administration of the Veterans Bureau.

4. Get the man a job.

5. Get three new members for the Auxiliary.

Rather worth all the time it takes to get the blanks filled out satisfactorily, isn't it?

### The Call of the Sun

SUMMERTIME is over the next hill, when the flies come in and everybody else goes out. We may not all be outdoor nuts, but only a few of us sleep with the windows closed from May first on. Fresh air and lots of it is the watchword, and the Legion post adopts it along with the rest of humanity.

The only trouble is that if the post gets outdoors it may tend to scatter. You can keep the boys together as long as they are bounded by the four walls of the meeting-room, but when you have nothing but the broad horizon to confine them their ears may be deaf to the notes of assembly. But if they can

be kept together (and a little organization that promises some interesting summer activity will hold them), they can make summer count as much for the Legion as did the chilly days just past.

How to do it? Well, it ought to be pretty obvious. Anyway, for the benefit of post officials, entertainment and athletic committeemen and other interested members we asked experts on post activities to help us prepare a concise list of good warm-weather activities. Here it is:

**ATHLETICS:** Baseball, handball, golf and tennis tournaments; inter-post, inter-county or inter-district competition; Legion teams in community leagues.

Water sports: Swimming, rowing, canoeing; development of natural facilities for water sports; support for community swimming and wading pool projects; "Learn to Swim Week."

Track and field meets: On small or large scale; especially suited for Fourth of July celebrations, where they may be of immense value in furthering safe and sane idea.

Hiking, cross-country walking and running, hill and mountain climbing parties under Legion auspices; visits to places of historical association in vicinity.

**COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION:** Clean-up and paint-up campaigns, both to improve town's looks and to provide work for unemployed veterans.

Establishment of community playgrounds and gardens; development of parks; band concerts.

Automobile tourist camps—an advertisement for the post and a source of revenue as well.

County fairs, held under Legion auspices or with Legion representation; war exhibit booths and the like.

Organization and supervision of Boy Scout troops.

Rifle clubs; outdoor ranges for Legion members and citizens.

**CAMPS:** For disabled men, maintained by Legion, either single post or group of posts.

For Legion members, week-end parties and vacationists among post members.

Try some of those and see if they work. Your members are going to swim and play ball and go camping anyway—why not have the post buy in on it?

### Marching On

ON American Legion Employment Day, March 20th, the Ford Motor Company announced a 20 percent increase in its working force, preference to be given to ex-service men. The same day the Detroit Legion announced a rush of aliens to the citizenship courts, with hundreds of men in line before the courts opened for the day. Not every town and city in America has a Ford plant, but scores of communities reported on March 20th or

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# BURSTS AND DUDS

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## Unsung Philanthropy

"And will you make a contribution toward the new parish hearse, Mrs. Hogan?"

"Sure and I will not. I gave a dollar for the last wan and niver had the chanst to use it onct."

## One Last Request

They were sitting close together and suddenly, unable to resist the temptation, he kissed her. She was furious.

"Leave me, I never want to see you again," she shrieked. "You are no gentleman to take advantage of a poor girl that way. Leave me, I say, leave me at once. After this I do not know you."

"All right," he agreed meekly, "but before I go, may I beg one last favor of you? I shall never see you again. Will you grant it for old times' sake?"

Her just rage abated a trifle.

"If it is not too much I will try."

Then, with a pleading look in his eyes, he begged:

"Darling, before I go won't you please take your arm from around my neck?"

## Two Slogans

1775—"Millions for defense—"

1922—"—but not one cent for the defenders!"

## Regular Customer

Jeff Driggs, village plasterer and white-washer in a small Georgia community, who had married and buried three wives, was about to acquire a fourth. He went to the home of the white minister who had officiated at his previous weddings and made arrangements to have the ceremony performed there the following evening.

"Of course I shall be glad to marry you to your new wife, Jefferson," said the minister. "This will be the fourth time, won't it? How does it happen that you never have a colored preacher tie the knot for you?"

"Well, suh," said Jeff. "Ah's kinder got in the habit o' gittin' a white man to do mah marryin', an' Ah reckon Ah'll allus do it. Ah's turrible sot in mah ways, suh."

## Sort o' So-So, Altogether

Doctor: "How do you do today?"

Caller: "Pretty well—fer me."

"How are all the folks?"

"Pretty well—considerin'."

"Anything new in your section?"

"Well, no—nothin' very. 'Spose you heard ole Aunt Libby was dead?"

"No, I hadn't. She must have died suddenly."

"Well—yea. Kinda sudden—fer her."

## And Marriage Oftener

He: "There must be a great many loveless marriages being performed now?"

She: "What makes you think so?"

He: "Haven't you heard the old saying that love comes but once to every man?"

## Falling Away

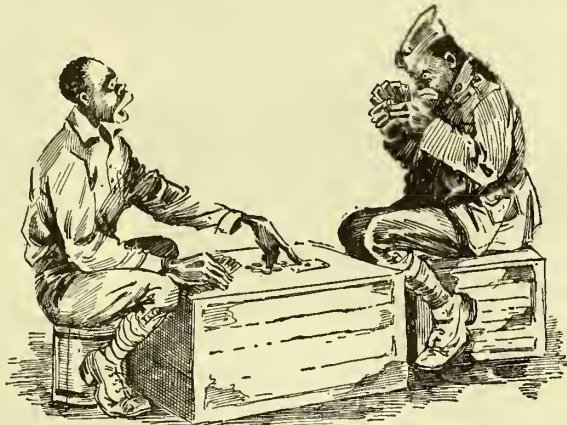
Stella: "Your husband flirts with the cook dreadfully."

Maude: "Does he really? He used to be quite good at it."

## Here or Hereafter?

Judge: "Rufus, you've heard the charges against you. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

Rufus: "Ah fuses to ansah, on de ground Ah mought incinerate mahself."



"Say, black man, can't you play honestly? Ah know what cards Ah done dealt you!"

## Why the Delay?

"Darling," he sobbed passionately, "if you refuse me I'll die."

"Why didn't you ask me before?" she replied coldly.

## As Modernized

Thirsty days hath September,  
April, June and November.

All the rest are thirsty, too,  
Unless you make your own home brew.

## Suggestions of a Doughboy

*Being the  
Suggestions of a Doughboy on the Manner  
of Conducting the Next War, Together  
with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of  
the Last One.*

18. That it be declared a violation of the rules of land warfare to use shells which travel faster than sound. A shell doesn't have to travel that fast to kill a man and it is unreasonable to expect a doughboy to dodge a shell he can't even hear coming. The only successful method yet devised for dodging a whiz-bang is that worked out by the S. O. S. and the aviators and for tactical reasons this method is not deemed suitable for the Infantry.

(To be continued)

## Not That Far Along

"Do you allow the inmates here to intermarry?" asked a visitor at an asylum for the insane.

"They don't want to, mum," replied a keeper. "The folks here ain't really crazy, as you might say."

## Not So Far Off

Pat was a stranger to American dishes and had just been introduced to his first order of corn on the cob. After having eagerly devoured the succulent corn, he passed to his hostess the despoiled cob with the natural request:

"Will ye please put some more peas on me stick?"

## Figures Never Lie

Hokus: "He's a most persuasive chap to be merely an accountant. I suppose he ranks as an expert."

Pokus: "I should say he does. Why, that fellow can convince a woman that she is ten years older than she was ten years ago."

## Derbies and Derbies

"That mare I just imported," said the millionaire horse owner proudly, "once won the Derby."

"Hm-m," commented his friend after a close inspection of the animal, "English or brown?"

## Sad Parting

Two mountaineers had long enjoyed a blood feud with each other, but at last neighbors, desiring peace, managed to bring them together. For several minutes after the meeting not a word was said. Finally one, scratching his thumb-nail reflectively on the butt of his gun, remarked:

"Well, pardner, I'm not goin' to be with ye much longer."

The second was relieved but strived to conceal his feelings.

"Don't talk thatta way, Seth," he remonstrated. "We been enemies fer twenty year, but of course I'll miss ye. Ye ain't goin' to shoot

yerself, are ye?"

"No," drawled the first, "I certainly ain't goin' ter shoot myself, and I ain't goin' away, neither, but seein' as how ye ain't ever goin' ter see me again, I figgered ye might have somethin' ye wanted ter say first."

## Un-True Navy Blue

"I'm actin' as a petty officer."

Working party.

"Uh, huh, I useta make more than a captain's salary."

"Them pants is broadcloth."

"I'd show yuh how to tie a turkshead, only I ain't got time."

The new ensign's "position" by meridian altitude.

"Yes sir, I cleaned up under that carriage."

"Skipper useta eat with us in the fo'c'stle."

The Smoking Lamp.

"Yeah, my uncle's a colonel—Regular Army."

"Hadda stand watch-an'-watch for thirty-nine days."

Uniform tailor-mades.

"They offered me a C.P.O., but I wouldn't take it; too much work."

"Kin I be excused from watch tonight, sir? I'm kinda sick."

"We sank three subs on the way over."

"My vaccination still hurts, sir."

"Some of the fellers tied themselves into their hammocks, first night, but I didn't."

"I kin run a typewriter, sir, a little."

"My girl's father owns two automobiles."

"I coulda gone to Plattsburgh, but I'd rather be a gob in the Navy."

"I was on the midwatch; I rate sleepin' in."

"The Division Officer don't like me 'cuz I cut him out with a girl."

"We wasn't gamblin'. Them chips is just to score for nothin'."

"No sir, that ain't my stencil. I bought that blouse offen a feller when I was in the brig."

The girl in every port.

## The Joke's on Her

"I woke up in the night and found my wife going through my pockets."

"What did you do?"

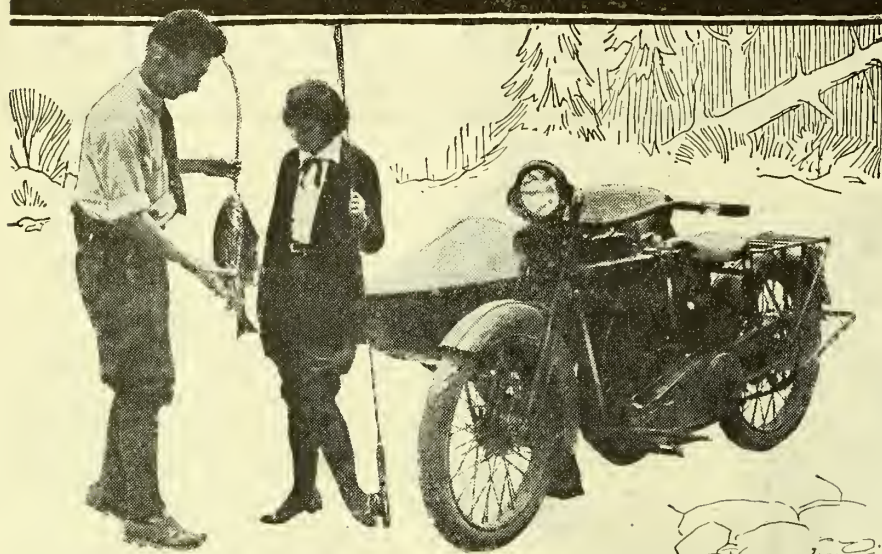
"I turned over in bed and laughed."

## Naughty-cal

"Why do you call the tenor in your quartet 'Gob'?"

"Because he's so fond of hitting the high C's."





"Let's keep this stream secret, Bob"

"Feast your eyes on this old grand-daddy, Mae. I'll bet he weighs three pounds. Wow! How he hit that fly!"

"He's a beauty, Bob. But you can't have all the credit for catching him. Without our Harley-Davidson, we never could have reached this out-of-the-way stream. Why, an automobile couldn't get within 10 miles of here."

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## Your Post and Your Town

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the Legion men to make good their promise of support. Several of the boys who are in business themselves closed up their places and went out with the officers to get the desired information.

The trip took the boys about ten miles back in the sticks, as we call it here—back into the "bad man's country" where there had been reports of stills. Although there was no sign of activity in these parts, valuable information was gathered which later brought in the bacon.

One of the Legionnaires who took part in the raid, Willie Burke, a First Division veteran, has the distinction of getting the largest worm yet found. On one trip he brought in a two-inch copper coil that had been attached to a still with a capacity of a hundred gallons. Thousands of gallons of mash have been discovered and several out-fits have been broken up as the direct result of Burke's action in helping the officers.

Now that we are getting Rockcastle County cleaned up and making it a better place to live in it is up to us to get some new blood in here to help build up the country and make it up-to-date. We are going to call upon The American Legion as a whole and see if we can't get some of the boys who are looking for adventure to drop off here and see what we have to offer. —E. S. FREEZY, *Historian, Ves Brown Post, Mt. Vernon, Ky.*

## Helpful Reciprocity

ROBERT E. BAKER Post of Schuylkill Haven, a town of 5,000 inhabitants, was among the first posts in Pennsylvania to purchase a home. Thus far over \$10,000 has been spent on the home, and the post has cleared off all this debt except \$1,000. The people of the town and vicinity contributed \$5,050 in cash, and it was in appreciation of this patriotic generosity, as well as in keeping with the great principles laid down in the Preamble to The American Legion's Constitution, that the post, during the past winter, undertook a campaign to make the home town a better place, if possible, for all of us to live in.

As in other American communities, this town's problems have been live ones for a number of years. Discussion there has been aplenty. We have seen civic organizations rise only to fall before having performed what they set out to do. Fully recognizing this fact, our post, after some preliminary investigation, decided to break from the beaten path in dealing with civic problems.

In public meetings there are usually few people who care to stand up before the crowd and voice their opinions. On the other hand, almost every individual interested in community affairs will, without any coaxing, express his views privately.

Putting this assumption into action, the post prepared a questionnaire in which were included four questions covering the four chief problems confronting the community. To these was added one other, a general question. The questions were neatly printed on



good paper, folded to make four pages, and below each question was a generous blank space for written expression of opinions. The Boy Scouts distributed the blanks to every family in town, and a week later called at the homes for the answers.

We asked for opinions on how to obtain an adequate water supply, whether a modern fire-alarm system should be installed, whether a playground was advisable and how it should be obtained, and how the difficulties surrounding the high school heating plant could be overcome. The fifth question was:

"Have you any other suggestions for the good of the community?"

Responses to the questionnaire went far beyond the expectations of the most optimistic Legionnaire. After checking up it was found that many more than a third of the citizens had submitted replies—over 2,000 of 5,000 townspeople. The answers were full and frank discussions, and contained the plain, common-sense views of the average citizen.

To appreciate the importance of the problems forming the subject matter of the questionnaires one would have to get the local viewpoint, which would be hard to explain on paper. The water question has been a bone of contention for years, with interminable discussion but no constructive action. The post last Armistice Day served notice that it would stir up the water question and keep it stirred up until definite action was taken.

Once we got started, results came faster than expected. Hardly had the returns on the questionnaires been checked up when the borough authorities duly authorized the construction of a new reservoir on a new watershed. This action was directly in line with the great majority of the answers on the questionnaires.

Definite action is now also being taken on the public playground proposition; the heating-plant problem is receiving serious consideration, and the fire-alarm system is apparently dead until a sufficient water supply is obtained—quite natural!

But that last question—anything else for the good of the town—certainly gave them a chance to talk! Many suggestions were made which, if carried out (and many of them will be carried out), will be beneficial to the whole community.

The thing has just started. The post has received words of praise from all sides for the action it has taken. The intention is to keep right on, always co-operating with the borough authorities, keeping their friendship and their goodwill.

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home. The nation gets its strength from its individual units. Here's a chance for every post of The American Legion.—G. E. GANGLOFF, Committee Chairman, Robert E. Baker Post, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

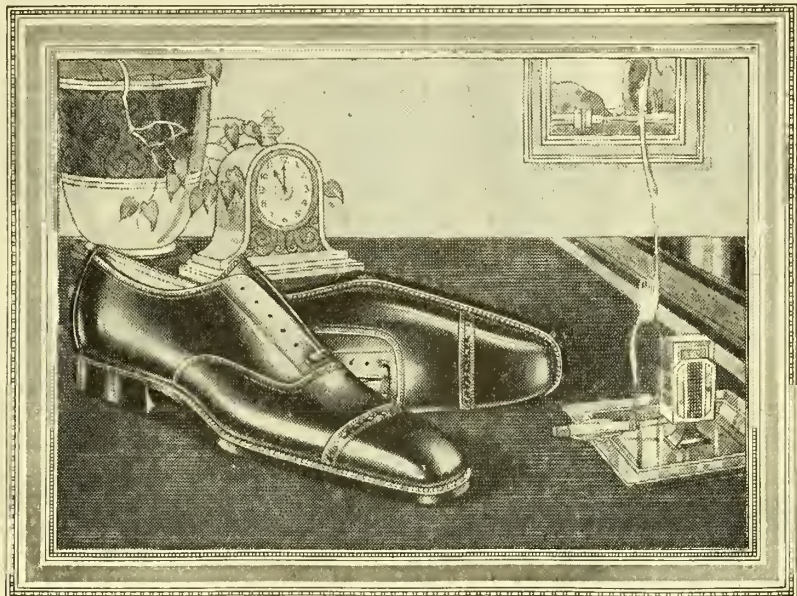
### Outfit Reunions and Notices

Contributions for this column must be received three weeks in advance of the events with which they are concerned.

101ST ENGINEERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION—Open house at Cadet Armory, Boston, Mass., evening of April 22.

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## Carrying Justice to the Disabled

THE magnitude of the service which The American Legion rendered to the disabled veterans of the country in the recent clean-up campaign directed by the Veterans Bureau is indicated by the figures showing the number of men who were aided. In the campaign 145,450 veterans obtained interviews with examiners, 41,936 filed new compensation claims, 60,078 took physical examinations, 4,685 were admitted to hospitals in twelve of the districts and 23,053 men filed new claims for vocational training.

A. A. Sprague, chairman of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee, has forwarded the table which accompanies this article to the chairmen of the Legion rehabilitation committees in the fourteen regional districts of the Veterans Bureau, asking

their opinions concerning the extent to which the clean-up drive fulfilled its purpose. Meanwhile the Legion is pushing ahead with its new National Service Census, which is expected to assist many disabled ex-service men who, for one reason or another, failed to learn of their rights in time to file a claim with the traveling clean-up squads of the Veterans Bureau.

Many men have developed disabilities since the squads of government examiners were making their tours through the States. Many other men have disabilities which have recently become aggravated, entitling them to increased compensation. By advising these men of their rights, the Legion census-takers should be the means of completing the work which was carried so far during the clean-up drive.

This table shows the results of the clean-up drive in the fourteen regional districts of the Veterans Bureau:

	Total Interviews	New Com- pensation Claims	Physical Examina- tions	Hospital- ized	New Voca- tional Training Claims
District 1.....	15,916	3,827	6,133	83	3,248
District 2.....	9,215	2,364	2,269	58	1,032
District 3.....	4,775	1,261	4,209	197	1,103
District 4.....	6,381	3,162	4,501	1,233	1,844
District 5.....	33,132	11,878	16,296	657	3,404
District 6.....	16,187	5,733	6,027	1,281	2,654
District 7.....	14,434	2,423	4,281	93	889
District 8.....	8,445	2,026	3,760	339	2,973
District 9.....	8,385	1,716	2,505	325	484
District 10.....	7,777	2,987	5,432	293	2,758
District 11.....	5,983	1,304	1,657	63	968
District 12.....	1,808	709	552	63	419
District 13.....	3,137	1,320	937	....	771
District 14.....	9,875	1,226	1,519	....	506
Totals.....	145,450	41,936	60,078	*4,685	23,053

\*Exclusive of Districts 13 and 14.

## Putting the Post in the Newspapers

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for all that is of interest to former service men—American in all things, equivocal in none. Hoosier Post will give a grand dance at B. P. O. E. hall Tuesday evening. Be sure to come and bring your friends, and a pleasant time will be had by all.

A typical piece of amateur press agency. In similar hands the adventure of Horatius might have been handed down to palpitating posterity in such shape as this:

The old bridge over the Tiber didn't amount to much. It was erected under the Quintus Lapidus administration, notorious for its grafting aldermen and incompetent engineers. Rome the great and glorious, Rome the mistress of the whole world and seven medium-sized hills, has waited patiently for better times and higher ideals in civic buildings. Of course there are some politicians who have defended the old bridge. Among them was a recruiting sergeant named Horatius, who yesterday defended the bridge for the last time. The bridge is gone now. So is Horatius. The city council is considering plans for widening the Tiber.

Then we have a type of "notice" written by an exponent of another school—the "pure fact" type:

Whatsis Post No. 4—11—44 held its an-

nual installation and get-together meeting last night. The officers installed were: Commander, John P. Doe; vice-commander, William McWhich; adjutant, Scribb L. Wrott; finance officer, James Banks; sergeant-at-arms, Jake Armstrong; executive committee, Albert Smith, John Smith, Fred Brown, Aloysius Glotz, Luke McLuke, and A. Olson.

After the installation a brief speech was made by Judge Robinson.

An entertainment was given by the talented Misses Mary Smith, Jane Roe, Kitty Kelly, Ann Jelica, Anna Koluthen, Sally Patika, Ruth Enium, Mary Christmas, Hazel Knut and the Something sisters.

The meeting closed with a buffet luncheon served by the Woman's Club. Arrangements were completed by a committee in charge of Mrs. Annie Buddy. She was assisted by Mesdames Alpha Bettical, Longue Green, John Smith, William Gink, Joseph Brown, Henry McWhich, Arthur Robinson, and Junius P. Van Frotheringfeldt.

Fourteen former service men were presented with war honors including the Croix de Guerre, Médaille Militaire, Legion of Honor, Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal. Presentations were made by General La Guerre of the French Army and Major



General Watts, U. S. A. Other events on the program were cancelled because of a fire which destroyed the building and drove everybody to the street.

There are always notices like that. The style of authorship is a direct steal on the method of the man who wrote the table of logarithms. Give the press agent who evolved it the thrilling story of Casabianca and we'd get something like this:

A fire which developed quite a quantity of British thermal units today destroyed the scow *Orion*, anchored at the foot of Eighteenth Street. The scow was commanded by J. B. Casabianca, 2111 North Rue de Clichy, and owned by William Bunque, 1447 West Fifty-sixth Street. The deck was 16 feet wide and 40 feet long, finished in soft pine.

The blaze was discovered fourteen inches abaft the main hatch.

Everybody fled but the cabin boy, son of the commander, Cass A. Bianca, who remained on the doomed craft until it had burned to the water's edge.

Boat and cargo were fully covered by insurance.

The "pure fact" notice probably would be printed in the average newspaper because of the universal policy to publish names. But that either it or the other example would make for the increasing popularity of the organizations whose activities they chronicle is doubtful.

*News* is primarily something new.

The press agent who bears that in mind can manufacture readable publicity until the day they quit publishing newspapers.

The fact that some institution is going to give a dance is, to a certain extent, news. If the proceeds of the dance are to go toward providing milk for a day nursery or whale blubber for the indigent Eskimos, it is a little better news. If Madame Claque, the famous opera singer, or Miss Annie Celebrity, the famous whatisit, is to lead the grand march—better yet. If the music is to be furnished by a one-eyed orchestra playing one string fiddles and refreshments are to be served by one-legged waiters—man, that is NEWS!

In the early days of automobiling the motor car, being a novelty, had a distinct news value. The automobile industry was given free advertising of a variety and extent never accorded any other line of human endeavor except perhaps baseball and murder in the first degree. By virtue of immense advertising contracts it has retained its hold on quite an amount of the diminishing white paper stock for so-called "automobile stories" that always begin "The automobile is a necessity, not a luxury," and end "These facts prove conclusively that the Gogettit Six is the most marvelous piece of mechanism in the history of the world." But automobile publicity writers have ruined their own game. By writing drool that nobody reads they are merely wasting the space that they beg, borrow or bungle from reluctant publishers.

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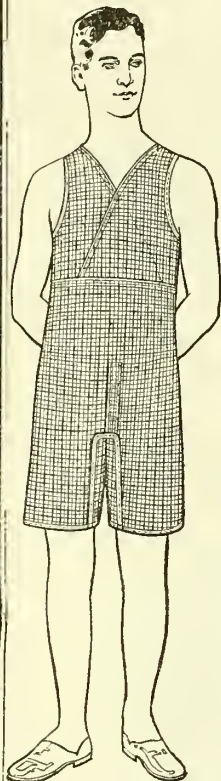
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year ago was moribund and now is flourishing marks the turn of its fortunes from the date of the overall craze. A wise publicity man put a baseball team onto the field equipped in beautiful bright blue denim, with the name of the club sketched over the ruler pocket in white lead.

During that same season a Legion post came into double-column sport page prominence by means of a mediocre baseball team plus an efficient guard-house lawyer. The lawyer picked flaw after flaw in the district athletic association's rules and argued his team into a position within an ace of the championship. The games that his players couldn't win by hitting and fielding, he won himself by forfeits. Sporting writers who appreciated his wit gave his team daily twice as much space as if he had been backing the best group of amateurs in the community. There was novelty in his methods, and therefore news.

Let us not forget the famous bull-fight, the chief ingredient of which was bull. That wonderful performance had its beginning and end in the mind of a resourceful Legionnaire. He was asked by a newspaper man one day concerning the events on the program of his post for the coming year. On the spur of the moment, he replied: "Haven't you heard? We're going to have a bull fight."

The newspaper man had not heard of the bull fight. Neither had anyone else. But from such slim premises developed

a complete cast of characters; Picadors, Matadors, Sombreros and Tamales. The air suddenly became black with threats of police interference, injunctions, writs.

The S. P. C. A. and the public generally wanted to know. The newspapers wanted to tell. By the time the post gracefully withdrew with an announcement that it had been misrepresented, it had to hire a larger meeting place. Nobody had heard that it was on earth before the "bull fight." Now it is one of the city's principal posts and it never lacks a quorum at meetings.

It is not necessary of course that publicity be pure and simple buncombe. But a bit of skillful manipulation never harmed a story otherwise dead.

Here lies the press agent. . . . But that's no epitaph.

A milk bath that she never took brought Anna Held into fame. Theda Bara, whose cunningly concocted name is the anagram of Death plus a backward Arab, didn't lose anything but costume through the circulation of stories that she was a mysterious Egyptian princess. A slow-moving Marine recruiting drive took new impetus when a San Francisco sergeant was suddenly bequeathed the crown of the non-existent Moro kingdom of Llang-Llang by a press agent.

As Mark Twain put it: "Tell the truth or trump, but take the trick."

And when you take your pen in hand to break into the newspapers, remember the late Horatius.

## Joffre

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made him bear the blame of every shortcoming and failure in the Army. Millerand was forced out of office; the War Department was divided up and put under the management of political leaders—and politics invaded the Army itself. In Parliament the word was passed around that Foch was old and decrepit, and he was relieved of his command. It was not long before Joffre, by a series of adroit maneuvers, was himself promoted upstairs. He was made a Maréchal de France, but he was taken away from the Army he had built up and from the war he had pulled through.

Then, after he had lost out in the struggle with the politicians, and when he had been put on the shelf as far as the direction of military operations was concerned, Joffre turned the trick that was to be the decisive factor in the end, and to count more perhaps than anything he had done since the Marne.

It was Joffre who got the A. E. F. in the war. When he came to this country with the French Mission a few weeks after Congress had declared war, we were still in the moral influence stage of military strategy. The country, ready enough to do, was above all wondering just what could be done. The Army, more alive than anyone else to the extent to which we had failed to prepare, saw the difficulties of doing anything much—in a hurry; anything on a large scale in time to count.

After all that was done later it is hard to realize now the vague atmosphere of April, 1917, in America. No one who worked in the Embarkation Service, for example (to say nothing of the 2,000,000 who got across), can unscramble his memories enough to un-

cover the point of view of moral participation that seemed so reasonable a notion in that dim past, and the draft, the training camps and the Meuse-Argonne have wiped out even the recollection of the let-George-do-it strategy which was then so plausible. We were not to win the war, but merely to bet on the winners; not to play the game, but to form a reserved cheering section in the grandstand and have charge of the subsequent celebration. Our moral support was flourished as a trump card; constant editions of diplomatic notes would go a long way; a gilded prospectus of peace terms would vamp Hindenburg himself, and a hand-out of financial assistance ought to enable our Allies to keep up the fight as long as they enjoyed it.

The most red-blooded official circles talked of naval participation with dredges to dig the German fleet out of Kiel Harbor, while in all quarters our old friends "Yankee inventions" and "American ingenuity" were freely cited as available for service. When Roosevelt advanced the idea that in a war the thing to do is to fight, not a few considered him crude and primitive—altogether behind the times. "It was plausibly argued that it would weaken the Allies to divert America's productive energies to the raising and equipment of vast armies of green troops which would probably never be sent to Europe and would be of little use for a long time even if they were sent."

From this plausible passing the buck, from these nebulous good intentions, we—our Government at least—were brought down to earth by Joffre. When the French Mission reached Washing-



ton in the first days of May there was a state of war so far as concerned the United States, but no war; and it was still an open question whether we were to make war on the two-fisted basis or merely by wireless.

Joffre saw Wilson. What he said, what was said to him or how they managed to understand each other has never yet been set forth. But it was in this first and original bout of no-spik-English, parley-voo and compree-pas that the thing was done. Mr. Wilson has been accused of never taking advice; perhaps in this case a mere hint was enough. Whatever it was, when Joffre descended the White House steps, we were in the war. One of the officers Joffre left behind him to help on the job—Colonel Requin—noted “a spirit of decision and a grasp of present and future needs that today we can hardly overpraise.” His reminder is justified, for in less than a fortnight the President had decided to send an expeditionary force to France, and to bring the whole country into the war by the draft. Never was so much decided in so short a time.

It was long before all this told—more than a year—and during that time the same spirit of decision was not always shown. We got there as it was only in the nick of time, and at that in a rough and semi-finished condition dependent upon the French and British for many things up to the end. No doughboy in all our thirty divisions at the front will forget the clamor for equipment and transport and for replacements above all. But it was thanks to Joffre that the divisions themselves were there.

With or without him they would have come sooner or later, but without him they would have come too late. Beginning promptly as we did, there was a slim enough margin. Had it been necessary to consider and confer and consult all the best minds before beginning, the A. E. F. would have occupied a sector of the front about the length of that held by the Portuguese, and it would have made its name not by attacking in the Soissonais or in the Meuse-Argonne, but by holding up to the last gasp a line of resistance around Brest. There would have been in that event no struggles with the prying formalities of delousing camps, no impatient waiting for orders home, no swearing at the paper-work preliminaries of embarkation. That proceeding would have taken place under fire, and good swimmers would have got the first boats home.

No American troops served under Joffre. When our outfits went in for the great offensive on July 18th, and stayed in throughout the final period of September and October, they thought little of a silent, white-haired Maréchal of France, dressed in the old blue uniform of the days of the Marne, watching in his headquarters near the Invalides. It was not he that led them forward, not to him that faces were turned on the day when the front stilled in the silence of victory.

But it was he that had got us there; we were, after all, his contribution to the 1918 campaign, his part in the strategy of victory. It was Joffre who got us there in time.

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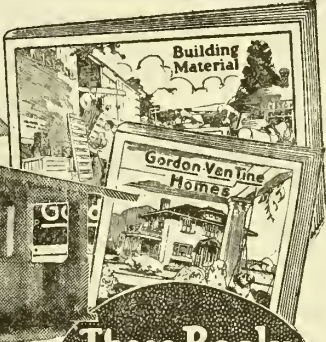
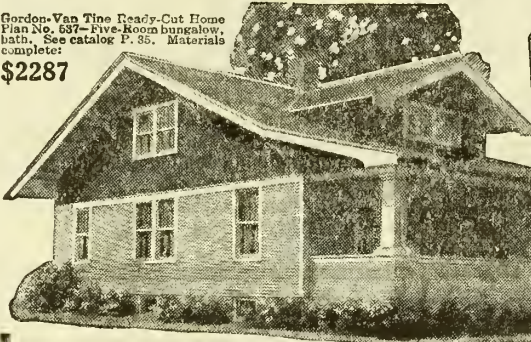
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## Keeping Step with the Legion

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soon after an employment boom that was directly traceable to the Legion's nationwide observance of Employment Day. Here are some other significant straws which show which way the economic wind began to blow as soon as the Legion everywhere took a hand at the bellows:

Cumberland, Md.: "Every ex-service man in our city has employment who wants it."

South Bend, Ind.: "At 9:30 today South Bend Post and Auxiliary, working with the Chamber of Commerce employment bureau, secured 240 jobs for ex-service men, 150 of which were permanent. Enough openings to place every able-bodied man in South Bend."

Iowa department headquarters: "Some posts have already reported that all the veterans in their communities are taken care of."

Ashtabula, O.: "Outside of the seasonal trades there are no American Legion men out of employment in the city of Ashtabula."

Montgomery, Ala.: "Our post has made a survey of 596 unemployed ex-service men. All papers are giving three columns for situations wanted ads. All employers are co-operating and running our slogan in their advertisements."

Naturally, the employment problem has not been utterly disposed of. The situation is serious, particularly in the larger centers, but the spring thaw has set in. Just how great an impetus was lent to it by the holding of American Legion Employment Day can never be known. Activities like that do not end with the ringing of a gong; they go on and on, the original impetus gaining a cumulative power that may not get in its best licks until weeks afterward. Some authorities estimate that 250,000 jobless veterans have already become wage-earners again as the result of Legion activity on March 20th. That still leaves half a million or so men out of work.

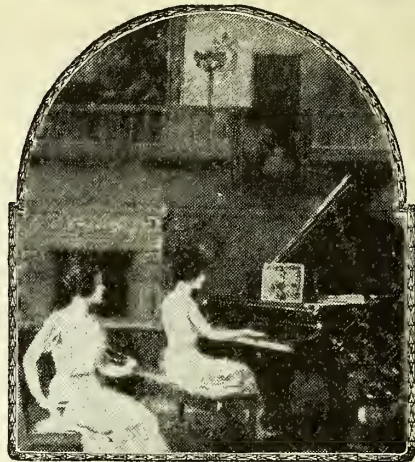
March 20th was the kick-off, not the final whistle.

### The Card League

"HAVE you got any older ones than I am?" asks J. B. Higbee of Lexington, Okla., in sending in his subscription card to the Weekly. "I was 62 years and 10 months old when I volunteered and will soon be 69."

Yes, the Legion has some members who are older than Mr. Higbee. We have pictures of two who we believe are the very oldest, and we're going to print them soon. But we'll admit that Mr. Higbee certainly belongs up toward the top.

Whether he's 69 or 96 or only 16, though, his card helped to boost Oklahoma from fourth to third place in the Legion's Subscription Card League during the week ending March 21st. Florida still tops the list with nearly 96 percent of its final 1921 membership, which means that Florida will soon be ahead of its last year's total. Vermont has a strong clutch on second place, gained the week before. Relatively



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small changes have taken place in the rest of the list, with the conspicuous exception of Mississippi. Four weeks ago, when the Card League season opened, Mississippi was not even on the list of twenty leaders. The following week she was at the bottom of the twenty, which means that she was ahead of nearly thirty departments. The next week she was in fifteenth place. From here she has now jumped to fifth place. This makes three Southern States among the first five.

The following table of standings among the twenty leaders is based on the proportion of subscription cards received on March 21st to total paid-up membership in the departments on December 31, 1921. This week there is given before each State its standing in the previous weeks of the season ever since standings were first published, in the issue of March 17th. Zero means that the department was not among the first twenty during that week. Remember that these are the twenty leading departments, and that it's a distinction even to be nineteenth and twentieth. Here are the blue-ribboners:

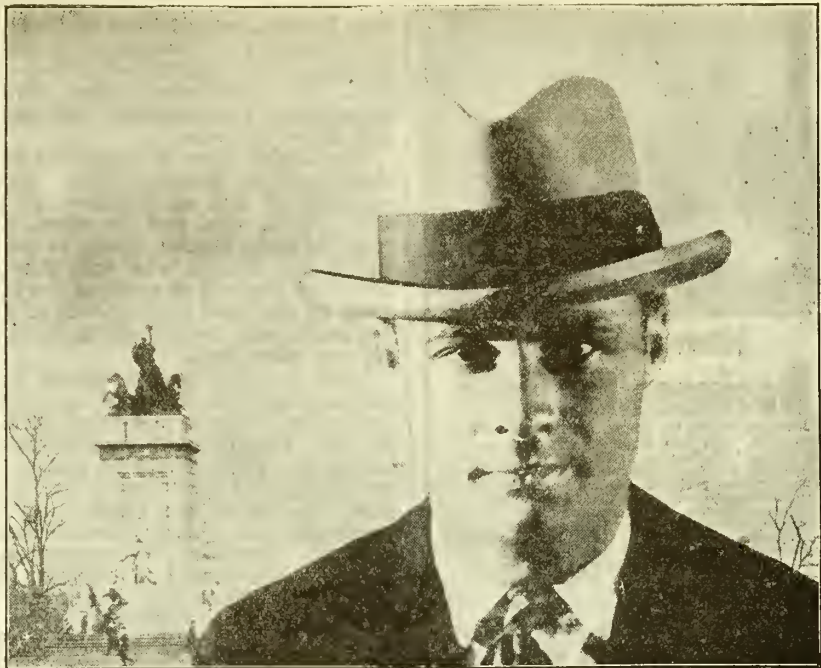
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12	14	12	10	Wyoming . . . . .	.760
16	12	11	11	North Carolina . . . . .	.754
11	13	10	12	Iowa . . . . .	.741
6	6	9	13	Minnesota . . . . .	.740
9	10	14	14	Ohio . . . . .	.725
11	11	13	15	Wisconsin . . . . .	.722
13	16	18	16	North Dakota . . . . .	.699
18	17	17	17	Pennsylvania . . . . .	.694
19	19	16	18	Rhode Island . . . . .	.692
15	15	19	19	Nevada . . . . .	.687
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Memorial and Other Days

THE Legion has faithfully kept its pledge to see that the graves of American soldiers and sailors are properly cared for on the day set apart in their honor. It has done this without forgetting that Memorial Day here at home is peculiarly the province of the Grand Army of the Republic. But the decoration of American graves in France, England and elsewhere in Europe, is wholly a Legion responsibility.

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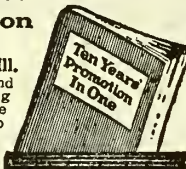
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The Legion plans to make this year's observance of Memorial Day overseas as personal and as intimate as possible. With this end in view, it is ready to make special efforts to aid relatives and friends who will think on Memorial Day not so much of the whole army of the dead as they will of some one youth who went forth to fight and did not come back.

"The Legion," says a recent Headquarters bulletin, "is glad to offer its assistance to these, and funds received for this purpose will receive especial attention. They should be sent to National Headquarters direct. All available data as to the location of such particular graves should be transmitted with the donations, which must reach National Headquarters not later than May 10th. This data has been distributed to the next-of-kin by the Graves Registration Bureau. Information sent in with funds must include name of the dead, rank and organization, army serial number, grave number, lot number, name and location of cemetery, date of death."

The Kansas City National Convention adopted a resolution urging that immediate steps be taken "to organize a Central Graves Registration Bureau in each county for the purpose of properly recording graves of all World War veterans and assigning such graves to individual posts for proper decoration on state occasions." In practice this has been enlarged to apply to graves of veterans of all wars, as experience has shown that Legion posts, in going about this work, have frequently found old graves suffering from generations-long neglect. National Headquarters adds this suggestion:

"As a means of securing this information it is suggested that each post secure from each unit organization of the United Confederate Veterans, G. A. R. and United Spanish War Veterans a list of their deceased members. If the remains have been buried locally, the records of the officer in charge of the cemetery will show the location of each grave. This information should then be inserted in the military plat. Prior to Memorial Day these plats could well be referred to the respective cemetery sextons, who would be pleased to place a flag on each grave, making it easily and quickly identified. Responsibility for securing this information by counties, in its initial steps, should rest with the post historian in the county seat city."

Other holidays and anniversaries are approaching which must receive Legion attention. Arbor Day, observed generally in the North in April and May (in the South on various dates from November through March) will be of significance to the organization this year in view of the steadily increasing interest in the planting of trees as war memorials. Mothers' Day, the second Sunday in May (14th), will be observed by the Legion in conjunction with local Auxiliary units. On April 27th, the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant, Legion posts will cooperate with the G. A. R. in making the centenary observance a notable occasion.



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## Mr. Forbes on Policies of His Bureau

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Legion recommendations, although he stated that many of the suggested changes were outside his authority.

Replying to specific recommendations, Director Forbes stated that decentralization of the records of the central Washington office is being effected as rapidly as good business procedure permits; that it is the Bureau's policy to reduce the frequency of rated claimants to a minimum; that the Bureau, although not having charge of the construction of hospitals now under way, is exercising all its influence to speed up work; that training centers for tuberculous and neuro-psychiatric patients are being established as rapidly as possible, that profiteering by state and private contract hospitals caring for disabled mental cases will be stopped; and that District Offices will accept, unless contrary to all medical evidence, the ratings made by a Board of Government doctors and that reviews are chiefly for the purpose of checking up examinations given by doctors in contract hospitals who are not employed by the Government.

Director Forbes stated that it would be unfair and unwise to accept without qualification the recommendation that married women be dispensed with in the Veterans Bureau to permit disabled veterans to take their places. Mr. Sprague, commenting on this recommendation, suggested that a survey be made of all positions in the Veterans Bureau to give an opportunity for qualified ex-service men to take positions available and to insure preference to veterans in any reductions of working personnel. Director Forbes stated unequivocally that it is the policy of the Bureau to employ ex-service men and women at all times, but that he did not consider it expedient to make wholesale discharges of efficient and faithful employees. In hiring new workers, veterans are being given preference, he stated, so that eventually the personnel of the Bureau will be of former service origin as contemplated in the recommendation.

Director Forbes declined to indorse the recommendation that the Sweet Bill be amended to extend the time limit, at present two years, for filing of presumptive claims by tuberculous and neuro-psychiatric ex-service men. He said the Bureau has reached no decision on this subject. Chairman Sprague stated that this question has been referred by the Legion to the National Tuberculosis Association and the Mental Hygiene Society, whose reports will influence the Legion's stand on the issue.

Other statements of policy contained in Director Forbes' replies were these: The Bureau will expedite the transfer of patients from one hospital, declared unsuitable for them, to a suitable hospital; men declared "not feasible" for vocational training will be given definite and exact information as to the reason why they cannot be given training, except in the cases of certain neuro-psychiatric and tuberculous types; where physical condition warrants, temporary total disability ratings for compensation will be given to men declared not feasible for training, subject to certain definite considerations;



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**T**HE queries given below are printed in behalf of disabled men seeking to get in touch with comrades whose aid is necessary to substantiate claims for government compensation. This magazine will publish further inquiries from men seeking proofs of disabilities incurred in service, but can do so only after the usual means of obtaining the information have failed.

**EGIE MAY ASHMUN**, Director, Service Claims and Information, Post-War Services, Pacific Division, American Red Cross, Grove and Larkin sts., San Francisco, Calif., wants to hear from members of Co. B, 162d Inf. and 4th Mg. Bn, who knew **Thomas Leveult**.

**LYOY F. BEST**, Lake Geneva, Wis., requires information on whereabouts of Major Haskell and sergeant known as "Sergeant Jimmy" at base hospital in Charlton Hotel, Vichy, France.

**J. D. BRAGG, JR.**, Pineville, La., needs present address of Lieut. Pritchard, medical officer attached to 142d Mg. Bn., Camp Beauregard, La., during summer of 1918.

**DAVID B. CRISSEY**, Storm Lake, Ia., needs address of Sgt. Thomas F. Galloway, at Taylor Field, Ala., 1918 and spring of 1919, at Wright Field, Montgomery, Ala., in summer of 1919; discharged from 15th Balloon Co., Ross Field, Arcadia, Calif., March, 1920.

**ERNEST ELLIOTT**, Box 521, Kennett, Mo., desires to hear from Arthur Fay, formerly of Btry A, 54th C. A. C.

**DENNIS J. FARRELL**, 1101 Mulberry st., Ottawa, Ill., wishes to hear from former buddies of his son, Pvt. John E. Fitzgerald, Btry C, 333d Fld Art., or from the medical officer of the battery who attended him before his discharge and death from tuberculosis.

**ARTHUR H. FARRIER**, Service Officer, E. St. Louis Post, 472 North 22d st., E. St. Louis, Ill., wants to get in touch with former buddies of Thomas G. Cowley, 80th Co., 6th Marines, especially Burt C. Brown, late of Buffalo, N. Y. Cowley was in Base Hosp. No. 35 at Moirs and Convalescent Camp No. 131.

**FRANK S. GINOCCHIO**, 1300 Fayette Bank bldg., Lexington, Ky., needs information on whereabouts of Closs J. Talbott, Pvt. Signal Corps, last heard of at Ft. Omaha, Nebr.

**W. A. HILLHOUSE**, Canton, Ga., wants addresses of Lieut. Armour and Capt. Cross who served at Camp Wheeler, also of Frank Davison who came to Camp Wheeler from Ohio.

**R. C. HITCHON**, Vice-Commander, Teddy Budlong Post, Marinette, Wis., wants to find former buddies of Winfield Scott Parkinson, Co. A, 53d Inf.

**JULIAN L. KAUFENBERG**, Park Rapids, Minn., wants to get in touch with former Sgts. Marshall, Barnes, Warsaw, Bixby and Lieut. Hudson, all of Co. D, 344th Inf.

**JOHN KSANZNAK**, 403 Ridge ave., West Hazleton, Pa., would like address of Henry Sundby, Co. B, 4th Div. M. P. or Fred Bingenheimer, Sply Co., 77th F. A., or any other members of M. P. Co.

**C. O. LEATHERS**, Adjutant, Dan C. Files Post, Mill Shoals, Ill., wishes addresses of Earl Russell, James Reed, Harrington or other members of Co. I, 18th Inf., who knew Pvt. Ansel Hallam and can give circumstances of his disability at the time he went to hospital, April 13, 1918.

**JOHN D. LONG**, P. O. Box 105, Williamsport, Md., wants to locate Carl H. Smith, discharged at Camp Jackson, S. C., Jan. 2, 1921, later employed in Q. M. C. there as civilian.

**GIOVANNI MALLIA**, 72 Lynn st., Peabody, Mass., wishes to find any members of Co. B, 28th Eng. who were in outfit with him.

**CHARLES W. ROBINSON**, Adjutant, Argonne Post, Steubenville, O., wants to hear from John J. Palmer, formerly spl. in 147th Inf.

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## The Discount on Secretary Mellon

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the eyes of an investigating committee appointed by Congress. That committee devoted several pages of a report to testimony concerning the Mellon enterprises. Representative Jeffers of Alabama, only a few weeks ago, in the debate immediately preceding the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill declared:

"Testimony before the Graham investigating committee shows that the Standard Steel Car Co., owned by the Mellon affiliated interests, was proved to be the worst type of grafters who robbed the Government."

Making due allowance for the political character of this statement and for the charges that the work of the Graham committee was of a partisan nature, the fact remains that the wartime profits of some of the Mellon companies were conspicuous.

It is a well-known anecdote about Washington that Secretary Mellon, when asked at a meeting of President Harding's cabinet to give advice on the proposed scrapping of a government wartime plant, replied that he himself owned a war plant which had cost him about fifteen or sixteen millions and had considered whether it was worth spending any more money on. "I told 'em to scrap it," Mr. Mellon informed the cabinet.

Mr. Mellon has become a national figure in the United States in much the same manner as Hugo Stinnes has emerged from pre-war obscurity to post-war fame in Germany. There are many points of resemblance between the financial genius of America and the financial genius of Germany. It should be remembered, however, that Mr. Mellon had a flying start on the road to wealth even before the war, whereas Stinnes found in the war the very basis of his huge accumulation of money. Both, however, carried on their wartime operations without attracting undue attention from their countrymen. Both dislike publicity. Both remain enigmatic figures. Both typify the man whose development has proceeded in one single channel of human endeavor—money making.

With all the facts that have been given heretofore, it may be acknowledged that Mr. Mellon's personal integrity, his business honesty, as these are reckoned, are unassailable. Certainly in his record, so far as it is open, there is nothing to show that Mr. Mellon differs greatly from other masters of finance. It would be gross exaggeration to depict Mr. Mellon as a malevolent figure. On the contrary, it must be admitted that he is probably thoroughly conscientious according to his standards and is unusually sincere. Undoubtedly Mr. Mellon thinks of himself as the Richard Coeur de Lion of the Treasury, the courageous protector of the financial Holy Citadel, the leader of a crusade to save the Treasury from the impious hands of the avaricious.

Mr. Mellon's past life has an important bearing upon his attitude toward the Adjusted Compensation Bill. It must be taken into consideration when one weighs the motives which animate the Secretary of the Treasury



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as he uses every resource of his office to prejudice Congress and the people of the United States against the World War veteran's claim of justice.

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Concerning Mr. Mellon as a financier and Secretary of the Treasury this article is in no way a judgment. Concerning Mr. Mellon as the leading expert witness on the financial aspects of the Adjusted Compensation Bill, as the adviser to Congress on that bill, this article is most emphatically a judgment.

Mr. Mellon cannot hope that Congress and this country will accept at par the warnings which he embodies in his testimony because Mr. Mellon is not a disinterested witness. He is prejudiced.

He cannot be unprejudiced because he is one of America's wealthiest men who would be called upon to pay in taxation a share of the cost of the Adjusted Compensation Bill and because, however hard he may try, he cannot but be governed by his inculcated viewpoint. A man who has spent his entire life up to the age of 65 in the highly specialized work of making and handling money cannot divorce himself from the environment and habits of thought which have become his fundamental and unalterable nature. No matter how fair-minded he is, no matter how fair-minded he wants to be, Mr. Mellon cannot give an unbiased and trustworthy opinion to Congress on the moral side of the question of adjusted compensation.

## Soldiering for Spain

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which bought me a piece of dry bread and a small fish.

As Americans we couldn't stand the beatings given at reveille, so we fought back giving the non-coms the worst of it. This kept up until orders were issued to leave the Americanos alone, but to report all who were late for reveille.

As a punishment, such offenders had tied on their backs a cloth sack filled with stones. The thin wire which held this weight cut into the flesh like a knife. Then the victim was double-timed, and if he should falter or fall a corporal kicked and lashed him to his feet. Another pleasant little pastime was to tie a similar bag of stones to a man's back, string him to a trunk of a tree so he could not move and leave him overnight. But the brig! Boy howdy; if one got the brig! The prisoners were worked from seven to seven with only a half hour for lunch, and after supper were taken out and double-timed until they dropped. I saw this at Ceuta just after I had seen a Spanish Red Cap, as we called officers, call a regular to attention, hit him on the jaw, pick him up and knock him down again—all because, I take it, he had been drunk the night before.

At one time we stood ready to lick the entire Spanish Army. Clarence Ludwig, of Kingston, Ontario, a former member of the Canadian Overseas Contingent, was protecting a smaller companion from a non-com. The latter

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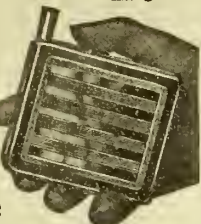
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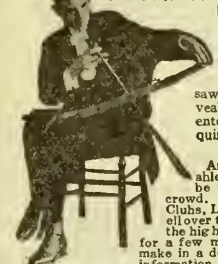
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struck Blacky, as we called him, and Blacky struck back, hitting the Spaniard on the jaw, practically ruining it. Within a few seconds a dozen second lieutenants and other officers flew at Blacky, knocking him down, beating, kicking and smashing him with feet, guns and canes. He was carried unconscious to the guardhouse, and we learned a few hours later that he had been sentenced to be shot the next morning at four o'clock. This was too much for us. The hundred odd Anglo-Saxons in the outfit adjourned to a ruined Moorish hut a short distance from the camp and held a council of war. We decided to wait until the guards brought Blacky out for execution; then we would mass and rush them; seize Blacky; fight our way through the ruck and make for Tangier. In the meantime, however, Spanish officers had been watching us through glasses, and later that night we were told that Blacky's sentence of death had been changed to eight days in the guardhouse.

Just before we left for the front I made the acquaintance of Spanish medical treatment. For every known disease they prescribe milk. "Litchie," as they call it, takes the place of iodine and C. C. pills in the A. E. F. I had an ulcerated tooth, but they fed me milk until my jaw looked like an overgrown grapefruit. Finally I persuaded the medicos to give me a pass to Ceuta, where I went under armed guard and had four teeth out and the bad one treated, all of which cost me 200 pesetas which I paid myself.

The next move was to form us into companies. Four sections to a company of 250 men was regulation, and although our non-coms were picked from the Spaniards, cooks, mule drivers, engineers, stretcher-bearers and medical attendants came from our own heterogeneous ranks.

It looked sort of like old times when we arrived at the front. Both the Moors and the Spaniards had airplanes with which they made tri-weekly raids. But these usually dropped only about eight bombs which never failed to land in open places where they did no damage. I never saw any destruction of any kind inflicted by them.

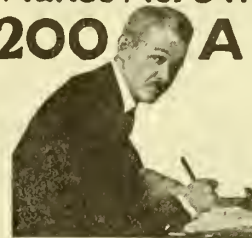
Our first major engagement took place on December 19th near and in the village of Beni Aros which we captured. Very little hand-to-hand combat took place, it was guerilla warfare, sniping from behind convenient shelter just as the American regulars did against the Indians. Here we found good use for our grass-soled shoes, for they gave us excellent footing in pursuing Moors over broken ground.

We had the Moors trapped in a defile, but reinforcements came to their assistance and such was their superb courage and sharpshooting that the Spanish regulars broke and fled. Machine gun fire from old Hotchkiss guns poured in on the Moors; shells dropped all around among them, but they stood their ground. They are great fighters, these Moors, but they hate cold steel worse than the Germans. Several bayonet rushes by the Legion put them to flight.

No quarter was shown on either side and a wounded Moor near me had his head bashed in by a Red Cap who ground out his cigarette with his heel on the dead man's face. The Moors were particularly brutal with Legionnaires. Eyes gouged out, ears ripped,

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bodies shredded and slashed with long knives were all too common occurrences.

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Finally, after being picked up, I was loaded aboard a mule which was the only transportation for wounded available. Just as I was nicely started, the girth broke and threw me to the ground, and I was forced to ride straddle to Tetuan where I collapsed into the arms of a Red Cap spoiling his nice uniform with a deluge of blood.

At the hospital the medical officer told me I was going to die before morning and when I told him he was a liar, he merely shrugged. I wanted food and a cigarette, but got neither. Next to me in the ward lay Martin Cherry of New York who had been hit by a dum-dum bullet, the regular thing from Moors. He had a hole in his chest about the size of your little finger, but a saucer wouldn't have plugged up the gap in his back. The medical attendants gave him champagne because he was going to die and they didn't want him to feel pain. He became dead drunk and failed to recognize the priest who came to attend him just before he went West.

The next morning when the officers came in to dispose of my corpse, I asked them for my clothes. They wanted to operate and remove the bullet but I refused to let them, as their surgical instruments are not sterilized, and I think that an operation would have shoved me off.

The battle of Beni Aros earned the name of hard fighters for the Spanish Foreign Legion and the Queen became our patroness. For Christmas she gave our outfit a special uniform paid for out of her own pocket. It very much resembled the British uniform and was complete with shoes, puttees and shirt. Thereafter we were known as the "Queen's Own" and were very much better treated.

Just after I became a walking case, a chap asked me to desert but I refused on general principles. It was almost an impossibility to go A. W. O. L. from the Spanish Army and get away with it. Of the 200 men who tried to desert, 190 were captured.

While at Ceuta I learned I was entitled to a service medal issued either for service in three major engagements or six months of service. I asked for one, but learned if I wanted one, I could buy it.

Letters complaining of our treatment had reached the American Consul at Cadiz, and these resulted in arrangements being made for the discharge of all Americans in the outfit. The Englishmen through complaints to their Foreign Office obtained the same results. As soon as this rumor got around, the strict discipline under which we had existed relaxed. After arriving at Cadiz where we gave our battle flag to the Consul, we went to Cherbourg and boarded the S. S. America for the good old United States where we arrived February 6th, where I now am and where I intend to stay.

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"It's getting so us Legionnaires are forgetting what an automobile map or a road sign stands for.

"And as for traffic regulations, the short-hand signs the cops make look to us like M. P.'s practicing the wig-wag. Having bought no cars for many moons, it is quite natural that the mind turns to familiar terms used on pushcarts and pullmans.

"Sixes, flivs, gas, and all such talk sounds to reader-owners of our Weekly like a Frenchman trying to tell us that Napoleon 'once had his baths in these buildings,' meaning some broken-down brick affairs half hidden by an overgrown hedge. Nap may have used the buildings, but Buck will always be skeptical about the immense bathing facilities."

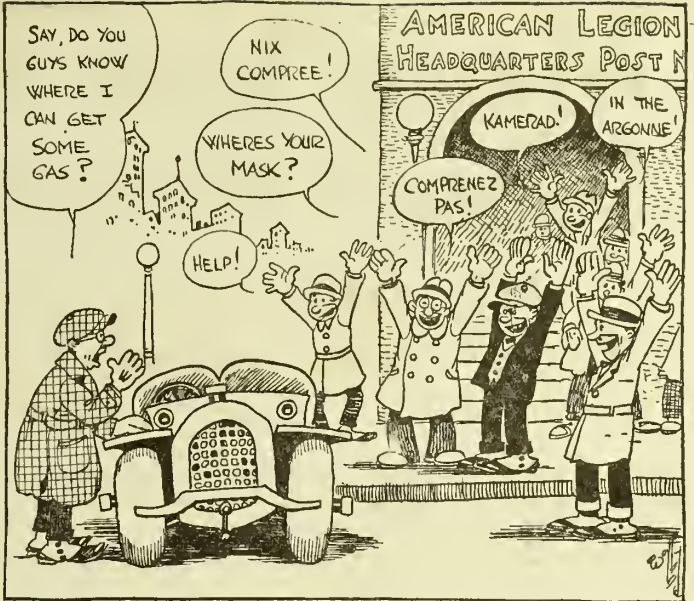
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# How You Can Make From \$50 to \$200 a Week

*The amazing story of E. A. Sweet, who suddenly found that he was worth \$1000 a month*

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"For a good many years I worked for a salary. I was an electrical engineer making from \$150 to \$300 a month. Like almost every other man who works for a salary I was dissatisfied, for I felt every day that if I were only working for myself instead of someone else I would make more money. It wasn't only that, either. I just didn't like the idea of having someone to boss me—someone else to tell me how much I was worth—to hire me or fire me just as he pleased.

"How did anybody know what I was worth? How did I know? I didn't, and that is what worried me. I wanted to know. Maybe I was worth five, ten or even twenty times as much as I had been getting. In other words, after a good many years of hard work with a certain measure of success I came to the conclusion that I was getting no where and that it was high time for me to do something on my own hook if I ever wanted to be more than just somebody's employee.

"That was only a few months ago. Today I am making more money than I ever dreamed of making. I am my own boss and last month my net profit was more than \$1,200.

"This is how it happened. One day I read an advertisement in a magazine. The advertisement said that any man could make from \$100 to \$200 a month during his spare time, or that he could make \$200 a week if he only had the necessary ambition.

"It was only natural that I should hesitate a bit before answering this advertisement. It seemed almost too good to be true. Frankly, I doubted whether it was possible. But I thought to myself that certainly there could be no harm in writing, so I clipped out the coupon and mailed it.

"I realize today that mailing that coupon was the most important thing I ever did. All that I have today—all the success that I have earned—is due to that one little act of mine.

"My work has been pleasant and easy. I am the representative in this territory for a manufacturer of raincoats. This manufacturer sent me a little eight-

page booklet that tells any man or woman just what it told me. It offers to anyone the same opportunity that was offered to me. It will give to anyone the same success that it has brought to me.

"This raincoat manufacturer is the Comer Manufacturing Company, of Dayton, Ohio—one of the largest manufacturers of high-grade raincoats in America. These coats are nationally advertised, but they are not sold through stores. All that I do is to take orders. I do not have to buy a stock of coats. And the beauty of the proposition is that I get my profit the same day that the order is taken.

"The little eight-page booklet which the Company will send to you will tell you exactly how you can do as I have done. It will tell you how to get started right in your own territory, and will tell you where to go, what to say, and give you all the information you will ever need.

"In my first month as a Comer representative I made \$243. That was a start, but it was only a start. My second month netted me \$600, and last month I hit the bull's eye with a net profit of more than \$1,200 for my thirty days' work.

"One year ago my life was limited to a \$200 a month income. I worked eight hours a day. Today my income is from \$600 to \$1,200 a month and I work four hours a day. A year ago I was not sure of my position. Today I am the sole owner of my own business. I still consider myself a greenhorn and I expect my profits to grow just as much in the future as they have grown so far."

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If you are interested in making from \$50 to \$200 a week and can devote all of your time or only an hour or so a day to the same proposition in your territory, write to the Comer Manufacturing Company at Dayton, Ohio. Simply sign and mail the attached

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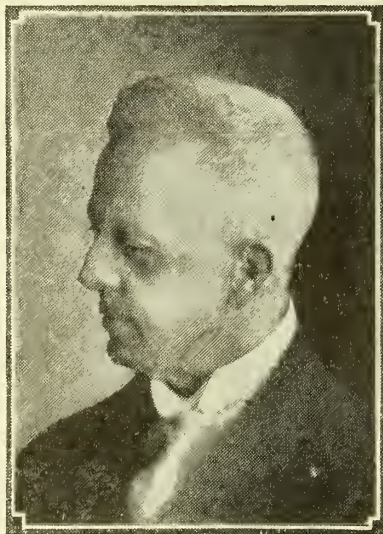
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